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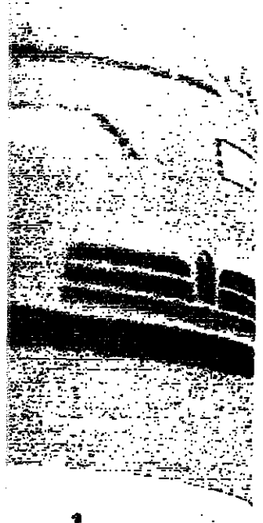
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Defection 'unmasked KGB spy'

UK engineer 'sold secrets to Russians'

BY RICHARD DUCE

A BRITISH electronics engineer spied for the Russians while working at a leading military research centre, and was only unmasked when his KGB controller defected to the West last year, the Old Bailey heard yesterday.

Michael Smith, 44, was first recruited by his controller, Viktor Oschenko, in the early 1970s after he learned of Mr Smith's radical left-wing leanings at Surrey University where he graduated in electronic engineering, Sir Derek Spencer QC, the solicitor general, told the court.

Mr Smith, a married man of Kingston upon Thames, denies four charges under the Official Secrets Act. Two allege that between January 1990 and July 1992 he communicated material — sketches, plans, notes or other documents — for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interest of the state. He is also alleged to have made a sketch or note and obtained or collected material for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interest of the state. Much of the trial before Mr Justice Blofeld will be heard in camera.

In 1976 Mr Smith landed a job involving top-secret weapons research with EMI. The following year his history of Communist party membership and as secretary of the Young Communists' League in Kingston upon Thames was uncovered, but the company continued to employ him at a lower level of security.

The prosecution alleged that the same year the KGB sent Mr Smith on a course in spying in Oporto, Portugal.

Sir Derek, prosecuting, said that Mr Smith then embarked on a concerted attempt to get his security clearance reinstated. He allegedly continued to lie about his communist past and even wrote to Margaret Thatcher.

Sir Derek said that Mr Smith moved to a £16,000-a-year job at the GEC research centre in north London, where he was reactivated as a KGB operative in 1990. Over the next two years he allegedly sold defence secrets to the Russians. The defection of Oschenko, who had worked under cover as a diplomat in London, led to his arrest on August 8 last year.

He alleged that Mr Smith secured a quality assurance job with EMI in 1976 and, in order to achieve top-secret security clearance to work on weapons projects, denied any links with communism or the Young Communists' League. Eventually his lie was uncovered and his security clearance was reduced to rule out involvement in military work, the prosecution said.

In 1985 Mr Smith got a job at the Hurst Research Centre in Wembley, run by GEC, which handles commercially and militarily sensitive work. He rose to the position of quality systems audit manager.

"In September 1990 he got a letter from his KGB handler which reactivated the relationship with the KGB and, over a period of two years, the defendant had a number of meetings with his Russian handler," Sir Derek said. Mr Smith was said to have made notes of those meetings, which were subsequently found. "He handed over scientific and technological information which had a military application, useful or otherwise. They must have found it useful because they paid him around £16,000."

Sir Derek said that Mr Smith was unmasked soon after he was made redundant from GEC in July last year. He decided to take sensitive documents and to meet up with his Russian controller, it was alleged.

"This did not come off because something unforeseen had occurred, and that was the defection to this country of a former KGB officer [Oschenko] who had subsequently become a colonel in Russian intelligence. He was the person who had originally recruited the defendant some 20 or so years ago," Sir Derek said.

The security services set a trap for Mr Smith, Sir Derek said. A secret service officer phoned him pretending to be a Russian agent and arranged to call him again at a nearby phone box. An alleged recording of the conversation will be played to the jury of eight men and four women.

Special branch officers moved in to arrest him as he returned home. Sir Derek said: "Police searched his flat and found documents relating to clandestine meetings with the Soviet handler and in addition they found £2,000 in £50 notes which were part payment, we say, for his activities."

During his interrogation Mr Smith claimed he had been working for a man he knew only as Harry, a commercial competitor of GEC. He claimed the information he passed on was low grade, it was alleged. When questioned about material taken on his last day at work he claimed he did not realise that some of it was sensitive, and that he had planned to dump it.

Sir Derek said that there was an unusual and unexplained pattern in Mr Smith's bank account. Mr Smith maintained that the extra money had come through his commercial contact, who he knew only as Harry, and from the beginning of 1990 they met every three months.

The trial continues today.

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Chinese flags wave in a twilight demonstration at Peking's Temple of Heaven as part of the country's campaign to win the 2000 Olympics

Olympics chief clears way for Peking

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN MONTE CARLO AND JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE battle to win the Olympics deteriorated into a row over China's human rights record last night when Juan Antonio Samaranch, the Olympic boss, criticised American attacks on Peking. His defence of China, with that of Dame Mary Glen-Haig, of Britain, appeared to signal a clear preference for Peking.

Señor Samaranch said of American opposition to Peking: "We find it difficult to understand why a country that has given China most favoured nation status to develop its trade with it, asks us today not to give it the Games."

The International Olympic Committee, which Señor Samaranch leads, will choose on Thursday between Peking, Sydney, Istanbul, Berlin and Manchester.

Dame Mary's comment, that the vote would be "about the Olympic Games and not about other things", will have further encouraged Chinese hopes. "This is about where is the best place to stage the Games; where there is a stable country," she said.

In an interview with a French newspaper, Señor Samaranch said: "We respect everyone's point of view. A country that hosts the Games must open itself up for seven years to all types of media and all sorts of visitors. It is difficult to predict all the consequences."

Yesterday a human rights group said that China is to put on trial at least 17 dissidents once a decision on the Games is announced. Peking countered by agreeing to co-operate with an investigation into human rights in China.

Sydney and Manchester yesterday remained the closest rivals to Peking in the vote of the 89 IOC members, who include the Princess Royal.

The Peking delegation yesterday launched an impassioned defence of China's human rights record. In an emotional, sometimes tearful, statement to a press conference, Wu Jianmin, a spokesman for the Chinese Olympic committee, said that before 1949, 80 per cent of the Chinese were hungry. Although the population has doubled to more than 1 billion since then, the emphasis has been on feeding, clothing and providing medical care and jobs for the population. He said: "Maybe a developed country has different priorities. We need law and order and stability." He also insisted that rights of religion and association are guaranteed by China's constitution.

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Defiant Major says there is no vacancy for Tory leadership

BY NICHOLAS WOOD IN TOKYO AND JILL SHERMAN

JOHN Major insisted yesterday there was "no vacancy" for the leadership of the Conservative party as a senior Tory backbench MP publicly called on the prime minister to stand down in favour of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

Mr Major's four-day trade mission to Japan was again overshadowed by speculation about his future as he was repeatedly forced to dismiss as "nonsense" reports about his own imminent demise. He denied reports of a rift with Mr Clarke and any suggestion of a cabinet leadership plot.

"I am not aware of one and there isn't one," he said. "It's a great disappointment to many people because it would undoubtedly be very newsworthy. But the fact is there is no vacancy and neither is there going to be one."

Meanwhile Tony Marlow, a longstanding backbench dissident, made a strong attack on Mr Major's style of leadership and call publicly for Mr Clarke to succeed him.

"The public perception is that John Major is not an effective prime minister," said Mr Marlow, MP for Northampton North. "He isn't in control of events and he seems to follow behind events," he told ITN news. "People want strong leadership and people want different leadership."

Mr Marlow said Mr Clarke had similar qualities to Baroness Thatcher and people would rally around him.

John Biffen, a former leader of the Commons, gave a warning that dumping the prime minister would be a "knee jerk reaction", but in the London *Evening Standard* he joined those calling for Mr Major to change his style. "The party wants to be led with some sense of direction. The prime minister cannot appeal for loyalty in purely personal terms and amiability and decency. Now he must show style and self-confidence in binding the Tory wounds."



Cabinet ministers rallied to defend Mr Major. John MacGregor, the transport secretary, said it was "ridiculous" that for the third time in recent months the prime minister's achievements for Britain abroad were being ignored.

John Gummer, the environment secretary, underlined that message. At a conference in Manchester he said: "It's sad that we have become a country in which we can never

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Ashdown rules out deal with Labour

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Liberal Democrat leadership last night ruled out a pre-election deal with Labour in spite of polls showing support for the idea of a coalition of the parties.

Paddy Ashdown let it be known that he had no intention of reopening the issue of a possible election pact with Labour after Simon Hughes, his environment spokesman, urged him to come off the fence and state categorically that he would not support the Conservatives. On the first formal day of the party's annual conference in Torquay, Mr Hughes told a fringe meeting that Labour and the Liberal Democrats should look for common ground.

The conference sought to end the row over the accusations of racism levelled at them after the Tower Hamlets by-election. They voted unanimously to give the ethnic minorities a louder voice in the party. Mr Ashdown renewed his warning that anyone found guilty of producing racist literature by his enquiry would be expelled.

"Those who have racist views or racist attitudes have no place in this party and can be, if necessary will be, expelled from the party," he said.

Charles Kennedy, the party's president, said they had to be self-disciplined to convert protest votes into solid support and prevent wins melting like snow when the heat was on. Meanwhile the party is moving to soften its avowedly pro-federalist European line.

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Tokyo apology to PoWs 'not enough'

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S government, expressing "deep remorse", yesterday made a clear apology to British prisoners of war held by the Imperial Army during the second world war.

But lawyers representing the 12,000-strong Japanese Labour Camp Survivors' Association of Great Britain said the apology fell short of demands for proper compensation. They served notice that they would now institute legal action in Tokyo against the Japanese government. They would ask for £20,000 for each former prisoner.

Yesterday's small but unexpected concession by the Japanese government could lead to Tokyo making specific apologies to aggrieved former PoWs from Asian and other nations. It came after a meeting between John Major and Morihiro Hosokawa, Japan's prime minister, who declared that the British PoW compensation issue had been "settled legally at the government-to-government level". He went on, however, to express "deep remorse as well as apologies for the fact that Japanese past actions had inflicted deep wounds on many people, including the former PoWs".

Martin Day, lawyer for the survivors' association, which represents 12,000 British PoWs and their families, said he intended to begin the legal proceedings within two months. He said new damages would be sought "on the basis of the inhumane Japanese treatment received by British PoWs, treatment that went far beyond that permitted under the Geneva Convention".

He went on: "John Major is the first leader of a world power to raise the question of new compensation in a significant way with the Japanese government. We are disappointed with the brevity of the statement, but there has been some movement. Most former PoWs are over 75, and this is not a matter that can stay unresolved for any length of time." He said he intended to ask PoW organisations in other countries to get their presidents and prime ministers to take similar action.

One Japanese newspaper estimates that Tokyo faces compensation claims for wartime ill-treatment of up to £116 billion from groups and individuals in Asia alone. No precedent exists for legal proceedings of this nature against the Japanese government, although a Korean pressure group has begun legal action against Tokyo for thousands of Korean and other women forced to serve in Japanese brothels for servicemen during the war.

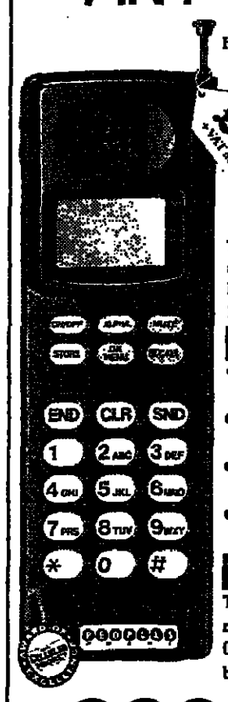
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Touring CBI 1st XI bats on for Britain as storm clouds gather in Japan

Major turns deaf ear to 'noises off'

FROM NICK WOOD IN TOKYO

THUNDER — or was it just rumblings from the loudspeaker system? — rolled over the immaculate lawn of the Japanese prime minister's residence as bodyguards worried about the first joint press conference by a Japanese leader and a visiting dignitary.

The sound was an unwelcome reminder of what Mr Major has dismissed as "noises off". Were the gods demanding his head or was it all a drama scripted in what they used to call Fleet Street?

In public, Mr Major brushes aside the gathering storm as no more than the over-excited imagination of a "handful of semi-loopy MPs" and their media accomplices. In private, the political barometer oscillates wildly.

"Heaven alone knows where all this nonsense comes from," Mr Major told one of his tormentors, who had suggested that Kenneth Clarke had confessed he was part of a shadowy cabinet contest to take over the reins.

For all his public denials, Mr Major does feel short of cabinet friends as he approaches his hour of reckoning before the Tory party conference early next month.

Even Gus O'Donnell, his well-briefed and good-humoured press secretary, appears to be feeling the strain. The air of crisis has spread to the 12 businessmen who have been relentlessly batting for Britain through the storm. The party — a CBI first XI — including Lord Young of Graffham, executive chairman of Cable & Wireless and the man who solved problems for Margaret Thatcher, and Lord Prior, chairman of GEC and the man who caused problems for Mrs Thatcher, shouted "hear, hear" when Mr Major's leadership received a rare accolade at a press conference yesterday. Lord Prior has denounced Mr Major's detractors as "pipsqueaks" and Lord Young was generous in his praise of the prime minister's efforts to break Japan's commercial insularity.

Baroness Thatcher did herself few favours when she decided to go to Paris when the vultures were gathering over her premiership three years ago. Mr Major is in danger of making the same mistake.

Put 27 journalists in a DC10 with a wounded prime minister and give them a week of unparalleled access to Downing Street and the cracks are bound to show.

The Japanese are innocent bystanders in the drama, but even they get a walk-on part. Morihiro Hosokawa, who leads the seven-party coalition that replaced the Liberal Democrats after 38 years in power, has said that more than ten years in power corrupts a party. Back on his lawn yesterday, that was inevitably thrown in Mr Major's face. He ducked and who can blame him.

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Norma Major meeting a pupil at a Tokyo school for handicapped children yesterday

Bitter cup passes to PM's wife

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE Japanese are fond of listing the traits they share with Britain — both are island nations with endless rainfall, a love of royal scandal and a seemingly limitless taste for tea.

But the tea that was being prepared yesterday for Norma Major in Tokyo's Omotesenke tea house was nothing like the kind of milky Earl Grey restorative that Mrs Major had gratefully sipped, cucumber sandwich balanced on her saucer, on the lawn of the British embassy on Sunday afternoon.

Instead this was a fine example of *matcha*, prepared from a bilious green and bitter powder that is whisked up with warm water into a frothing potion to be consumed in precisely three gulps, along with a dry wafer.

Yesterday's tea ceremony overlooking a splendidly tranquil moss garden lasted 30 minutes and, in accordance with the tea house's tradition, was designed to heighten a feeling of self-sacrifice and emptiness, and to engender an appreciation of the impermanence of life.

Mrs Major's mind may have wandered to the notion of the impermanence of public office, but if it did she let none of that show as she knelt valiantly throughout the ceremony, dutifully repeating her delicate sippings for the photographers and proclaiming the bitter potion to be "quite delicious".

Exports to Iraq halted as fake licences are found

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

A BRITISH company selling motor vehicle parts to Iraq is at the centre of an investigation which has led the government to revoke all individual export licences to that country.

The trade and industry department announced yesterday that all licences would be revoked after falsified licences were found.

The United Nations banned all except humanitarian exports to Iraq after the invasion of Kuwait in 1990. The department is responsible for issuing licences for medicine and food. Applications to export other types of goods on humanitarian grounds must go to the UN sanctions committee.

So far Britain has issued about 1,300 licences, with the sanctions committee permitting 300 borderline cases where the goods might have an alternative, defence-related use. It is understood that the department is investigating "a very few" licences in the latter category that have been falsified.

An investigation has been conducted for the past three months and a department spokesman said last night that there might be criminal charges. Breaches of the guidelines may result in a fine or imprisonment.

It appears that the tip-off that British companies had falsified licences came from outside the UK and was not the result of monitoring by the department.

The British company at the heart of the investigation has not been identified and the department would not give further details of the case. The allegation is that the firms falsified the volume of goods exported in borderline cases. Relatively small amounts were recorded on the forms but much more substantial quantities are said to have been exported.

A department spokesman said: "It has come to our attention that there may have been falsification of certain UK licences for Iraq. We have therefore decided it would be prudent to revoke existing licences and issue new licences."

The department said that the new licences would be in a different format to prevent fraud. The department said that it would also bring British export licences into line with changes to the way that the UN authorises trade with Baghdad.

The licences would be valid for only the same period of time as the UN letters of authorisation, issued for goods which are not listed strictly as humanitarian aid.

The UN recently decided to introduce a 120-day time limit — or six months in exceptional cases — on the letters of authorisation.

"The department and the UN will do all they can to ensure that new letters and licences are issued quickly," the spokesman said.

A spokesman for the Committee for Middle Eastern Trade, which is reponsible for promoting trade in the area, said last night that he did not know that the ban had been put in place.

Chemicals sold despite warning

■ The Scott enquiry has been told how 'substantial amounts' of a chemical used to make nerve gas were re-exported to Iraq

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN approved the sale of proscribed chemicals to Egypt, despite warnings in Israeli intelligence reports that they would be re-exported to make lethal nerve agents in Iraq, a former government minister told the Scott enquiry yesterday.

Timothy Renton, Foreign Office minister from 1985-7, said export licences were granted for the chemical shipments because a refusal could have provoked a diplomatic incident with Egypt, while Britain's intelligence services were unable to corroborate Israeli intelligence claims.

Almost 100 tonnes of hydrogen fluoride, a chemical used widely in industry as well as in the manufacture of nerve agents, were exported to Egypt, Mr Renton said. In a letter to Margaret Thatcher in January 1986, Sir Charles Powell, the prime minister's foreign policy adviser, said the Egyptian government had purchased 60 tonnes of the chemical, "substantial amounts" of which appeared to have been re-exported to Iraq.

Hydrogen fluoride was added to Britain's list of proscribed chemicals in the summer of 1986, following reports from United Nations observer teams that the chemical had been used by Iraq in the war with Iran.

Defence ministry officials opposed granting an export licence for a further shipment of 26 tonnes in September 1986, on the ground that much of the previous consignment had been re-exported to Baghdad.

Mr Renton said he had initially opposed granting approval for the second shipment, but later withdrew his objections in the face of pressure from Alan Clark, the then trade and industry minister. "I agreed to the recommendation subject to certain caveats."

Mr Renton said the caveats included informing the Egyptian government of Britain's concern that the chemicals should not be re-exported because of the danger that they would be used to manufacture chemical weapons. These anxieties were expressed to the Egyptian government when he visted Cairo later in September.

Outlining the trade and industry case for approving the exports, Mr Renton said the chemical was used widely in industry for non-military purposes. It could also be bought from other sources, and there was no "proof" that it would be re-exported to Iraq.

Furthermore, a decision not to approve the export would have been tantamount to a slur on the integrity of the Egyptian government, which owned the company buying the chemicals.

Mr Renton earlier told the enquiry he favoured "erring on the side of caution" when applying the government's guidelines. However, they were low on the government's list of foreign policy priorities, compared with the changes in Eastern Europe and negotiations over Hong Kong.



Renton: avoided a diplomatic incident

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praise but only criticise. Britain ought to be an enthusiastic 'yes' country instead of a constantly carping country."

Gillian Shephard, the agriculture minister, denied that Mr Major was "on the run" and dismissed suggestions of cabinet divisions. "The cabinet is most certainly not split, as you have heard from speeches and statements made over the weekend by members of the cabinet," she said.

Lord Wakeham last night also rounded on Conservatives who were attacking Mr Major. In an attempt to isolate the rebels he said: "Conservatives are fed up with having to listen to the views of a tiny minority as though they were in some way representative of either the parliamentary party or the Conservative party in the country. They are not."

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ITN's Leonard Parkin dies

THE former ITN newscaster Leonard Parkin, 64, died yesterday from cancer after a long struggle with the illness.

Mr Parkin, who had cancer of the spine, retired from ITN in 1987 after almost 20 years with the company. He had presented all ITN's main news programmes.

A former BBC Washington correspondent who covered the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, he made a series of television documentaries, *Pieces of Parkin*, in Yorkshire after he left ITN.

Stewart Purvis, ITN's editor-in-chief, said last night Mr Parkin had an "enormous following" among viewers. "I am sure they will be very sad at this news." One of the original team of newscasters for *News at Ten* when it began broadcasting in 1967, Mr Parkin's good looks and authoritative manner quickly made him popular with viewers and he was dubbed the "housewives' favourite".

In 1975 he moved to *News At One*, which he presented for three years, and also presented the early evening bulletin between 1978 and 1982. His broadcasting career spanned three decades.

Before he joined ITN, Mr Parkin worked for weekly and evening newspapers and became a BBC television news reporter in 1954. He covered many foreign assignments and was the Washington correspondent between 1963 and 1965.

During his illness Mr Parkin was looked after by his wife, Barbara, who was with him after a two-year separation, at their home in Pickering, North Yorkshire. His son, Jeremy, 34, lives in Los Angeles.

A former ITN editor-in-chief, Sir David Nicholas, said last night Mr Parkin was a true Yorkshireman. "He loved his cricket and fly-fishing."

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Contract freeze puts defence jobs at risk

Thousands of jobs in the defence industry are at risk because of a freeze on new military equipment contracts imposed by the Treasury (Michael Evans writes). British Aerospace, one of the biggest defence companies, warned the government yesterday that redundancies would be unavoidable unless a large ammunition order, expected some weeks ago, was approved soon.

Royal Ordnance, a subsidiary of BAe, has bid for a five-year deal, worth £250 million, to supply ammunition for the Army and Royal Navy. The contract is one of many that have been shelved until the government's latest expenditure round has been completed. Personnel earmarked for the work are now standing idle at factories at Birtley, in Tyne and Wear, Bishopton, Strathclyde, Radway Green in Cheshire, Glascoed in South Wales, Chorley in Lancashire, and Bridgwater in Somerset.

IRA man's admission

AN IRA man admitted 74 terror-related charges including two murders and four attempted murders when he appeared at Belfast Crown Court yesterday. Anthony James Doherty, 29, of Carnhill Estate, Derry, also admits IRA membership, 14 murder conspiracies and having guns and bombs. He will be sentenced after the trial of six others, including his brother Aidan, which is due to start tomorrow. His brother, 28, of Friel Close, Derry, and another defendant, Michael Kinsella, 31, of Desmesne Gardens, Derry, deny murdering Ulster Democratic Party member Gary Lynch in 1991.

Blind woman robbed

Three youngsters have robbed a 100-year-old blind woman in her home. Two girls, aged between 10 and 12, pretended they had lost a cat when the woman opened her door in the Knowle area of Bristol last Friday afternoon. They kept her talking while a boy of about 13 searched her house and stole £40. A few hours later in the same area the three struck again, robbing an 84-year-old woman of more than £400 in an identical ruse. Police said one girl had shoulder-length blonde hair and a multi-coloured top. The boy, who looked untidy, was 5ft 2in tall and wore tracksuit trousers.

Sunken trawler raised

The trawler *Pescado* was raised from the sea bed off Cornwall yesterday evening, two and a half years after sinking in mysterious circumstances with the loss of six lives. The *Seaway Harrier* hoisted the wreck to within 100ft of the surface at its first attempt. The trawler will be towed to shallow waters for an inspection before being brought to the surface, probably later today, and taken to Devonport dockyard, Plymouth. Police and marine investigators want to examine allegations about the ship's seaworthiness and claims that it was hit by a submarine.

Abuse enquiry opens

An enquiry began yesterday into how Jason Dabbs, 21, who is now serving a seven-year prison sentence, was allowed to sexually abuse children in his care when he took a BTEC nursery care course at Newcastle upon Tyne. The enquiry is expected to last up to two months and cost £250,000. The chairman, Peter Hunt, said it was "lamentable" that only a handful of statements had been taken from people involved in the case. Dabbs was jailed in April after he admitted 12 specimen charges of indecent assault. He molested dozens of girls aged between three and four.

Harrods sacking upheld



Renata Howell, right, lost her case yesterday for unfair dismissal from her job as a Harrods lingerie saleswoman. She was sacked after she had despatched a nightdress with an ungrammatical note attached to it, having failed to make a proper check of a customer's credit card. An industrial tribunal in Croydon, south London, ruled that the store had acted quite properly in sacking her for breaching Harrods' rules.

Laura needs more cash

The organisers of the Laura Davies appeal fund are to ask the government for money after disclosing that the final bill for the five-year-old's treatment could be more than £1 million. Public donations to the appeal, which has raised £835,000, including a £150,000 donation from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia for Laura's first liver transplant, have almost ceased. The latest multiple transplant at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital in America will cost an estimated £350,000. Her parents Fran and Les have received hate mail suggesting that the money could be better spent.

Man charged over blast

A steelworker was charged yesterday with the attempted murder of four police in a gas blast after they were called to his house in Risca, Gwent. The officers are recovering in hospital. The man, aged 29, was also charged with the attempted murder of a woman and with arson. He will appear before Blackwood magistrates today.

Moor murder remands

A woman and her boy friend appeared separately before magistrates at Bridlington, North Humberside, yesterday charged with the murder of the woman's father, Keith Arthur Nicholson, on East Moor in North Yorkshire. Michelle Nicholson, 22, and David Smethurst, 33, both of Bridlington, were remanded in custody for a week.

Babysit murder case

A 14-year-old babysitter hanged a little boy from his cot with his jumper after downing half a bottle of peach wine and three tranquillisers, Winchester Crown Court was told yesterday. The girl left the boy, aged 23 months, dying while she went to a church hall disco, it was alleged. The case against the girl, who denies murder, continues today.

'Crack' claims denied

Dr John Marks, a psychiatrist at Widnes Hospital in Cheshire, yesterday denied allegations that he has been prescribing "street crack" cocaine to drug addict patients with government approval. Mersey Regional Health Authority confirmed that Dr Marks was one of a number of doctors licenced to prescribe pharmaceutical cocaine.

Student bandit jailed

A student who became an armed robber to boost his grant was jailed for 13 years by the Old Bailey. Michael Dawkins, who admitted robbery, attempted robbery and firearms offences, recruited a helper, Donny Branford, who was jailed for eight years after he admitted attempted robbery. Both men are aged 19, from Harlesden, northwest London.

Dating agency 'put woman in power of modern Rasputin'

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A PENNILESS Scotsman persuaded a woman he was an American millionaire with an estate in Scotland, imprisoned her and held seances in which the spirit of a Red Indian told her to sleep with him and buy him a meal, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Gillian Paul, a 38-year-old divorcee, was said to have been completely taken in by James Finningham, 34, described as "almost a modern-day Rasputin".

Within days of meeting her through a dating agency he had promised her an exotic holiday with her children and offered to buy her a £175,000 home, it was alleged.

He told her he was a partner in a firm of chartered surveyors and showed her a cheque made out to him for £1.5 million.

The court was told that Mr Finningham imprisoned Mrs Paul for six weeks, keeping her away from two of her children and pretending during seances that he was in contact with the dead Red Indian chief, White Cloud.

Giving evidence, Mrs Paul said he had convinced her he had taken a job distributing leaflets on London buses only because he wanted to show her that immense wealth would not prevent him taking a working-class job.

During one seance White Cloud had told her to buy Mr Finningham a meal in a hotel. Later, another instruction from White Cloud told her her to give herself sexually to Mr Finningham.

Mrs Paul said: "I felt a lot for him because of the work he was doing, but I was not in love."

Maurice Aston, for the prosecution, said Mrs Paul left her son Mark, 14, and daughter Vicky, 11, with relatives, only taking her younger son, Ricky, 6, with her to what Mr Finningham and his mother were said to have described as "temporary" accommodation in Plaistow, east London. When Mrs Paul tried to return to her children he held her prisoner for six weeks.

He managed to convince her, by supposed messages from the spirit world, that she was in "mortal danger" of being stabbed to death if she returned to her own home.

Mr Aston said: "He found her to be vulnerable. It was total manipulation. He was almost a modern-day Rasputin.

"He gradually gave her confidence in him until she



Paul: "told she was in mortal danger"

was under his power." Mr Aston added that Mr Finningham had built a fantasy world of great wealth and succeeded in persuading Mrs Paul to leave her home in Dagenham, Essex, after holding seances in which he would go into a trance and assume the personality of White Cloud, his imaginary Red Indian spirit guide.

"With this he was able to exert more and more power," Mr Aston said. "He told her that if she stayed in her house she would be murdered. He was able to make her change her whole life and abandon two of her children and share a home with him, his mother and his brother. It may seem in the cold light of the Old Bailey quite bizarre, but she was completely taken in."

Mrs Paul told the court that she believed Mr Finningham after seeing letters from people thanking him for his work and being told that he was working with police officers, helping them in a murder enquiry.

She believed his claims to have cured her of cancer, and said she had been impressed because she saw "astral lights" on his body.

After he said he would give her a sign that she would be able to contact her dead father, she found a crucifix under her pillow.

The court heard that the woman's family became increasingly concerned at her disappearance and called in the police.

But when they traced her, Mrs Paul refused to leave. She was convinced that she would have been in mortal danger had she relented and gone home.

When she could no longer bear to be parted from her children, said Mr Aston, doors were locked to prevent her going and she was continually watched. Mr Finningham also confiscated her weekly child benefit money, he said.

"She was prevented from leaving," Mr Aston claimed, adding that on one occasion Mr Finningham had thrown Mrs Paul across the room, causing injuries to her face and back.

When Mrs Paul did finally escape and return to her family police were contacted and Mr Finningham was arrested on March 18 this year, said Mr Aston.

Mr Finningham, from Forest Gate, east London, denies charges of false imprisonment, obtaining property by deception and causing actual bodily harm.

The trial continues.



ADRIAN BROOKS

GILL Richardson, 18, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, is one of the new breed of nannies being trained by Lucy Clayton, the Kensington college which produced generations of secretaries and launched Joanna Lumley on to a catwalk. Students who pay £600 for its eight-week nannying course will not just be learning about nappy changing, they will also be taught make-up, deportment and self-defence, as well as how to avoid the need for it by dealing with unwanted attention from fathers. The scheme is in response to increased demand for pre-school childcare, especially private nurseries. A recent government survey showed that the number of working mothers paying for childcare more than doubled during the 1980s.

In March 1992, the most recent month for which figures are available, there were nearly 117,000 day nursery places and more than 254,000 childminder places available in Britain. Both figures represent increases of 10 per cent on the previous year.

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Cell death suspect in third trial

A RESTAURATEUR accused of murdering his cellmate in a police station is to stand trial for the third time at the Old Bailey on the same charge.

Malcolm Kennedy's present trial was halted by Mr Justice Scott Baker and the jury was discharged after "further material came to light". Apologising to the jurors, who had been trying the case for the past two weeks, he said the material "requires further detailed consideration which is likely to take at least two weeks". He did not think justice could be done by adjourning the trial until then.

Kennedy was convicted in 1991 of murdering Patrick Quinn in a police cell at Hammersmith, west London. Both men had been arrested for drunkenness in separate incidents just before Christmas the previous year.

This year, the conviction was quashed by the Court of Appeal and a retrial ordered after it heard fresh evidence.

During the retrial, the prosecution alleged that Kennedy kicked and stamped on Mr Quinn "to such an extent that the injuries caused his death". But Kennedy's counsel, Michael Mansfield QC, suggested a police officer was responsible for the killing and that Kennedy was framed in a police cover-up.

Kennedy, 46, from Stoke Newington, north London, denies murdering Mr Quinn.



Michael Smith, left, faces Mr Justice Blofeld with Sir Derek Spencer, centre

Spy charges trial discloses details of KGB recruitment

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE Old Bailey trial of the alleged spy Michael Smith offered an insight yesterday into the recruitment tactics of the former KGB. The court was told that Mr Smith, 44, appeared ripe for turning by the KGB because of his communist sympathies and involvement in high technology.

Mr Smith, a Surrey University graduate of electronics and electrical engineering, was said to have been an active Communist party member and secretary of the Young Communists' League in Kingston upon Thames.

Sir Derek Spencer QC, the solicitor-general, said that between 1972 and 1979 Viktor Oschenko was posted to the Soviet embassy in London, where he had the title of second secretary while carrying out espionage work.

"It was his job to try to recruit people from whom he could get scientific and technological information relevant to our defence capability."

When Mr Smith was working for Redifusion and before working for EMI, he had been introduced to Soviet embassy staff. One meeting had taken place at Surbiton, Surrey, and another at a London University building. "It is our case that the defendant was recruited through Viktor Oschenko," Sir Derek said.

At EMI he had obtained clearance at secret level — "the authorities being in ignorance of his former connections with the Communist party". For the next two years, Mr Smith worked on a secret weapons project. During that period he had made a trip to Oporto in Portugal, which the Crown said was a KGB training mission to test him out.

In 1978, his communist past became known and he was moved to a branch of EMI dealing with medical matters and lost his security clearance. Sir Derek said Mr Smith made "zealous attempts" to return to defence work.

Mr Smith, a married man of Kingston upon Thames, denies four charges under the Official Secrets Act. The trial continues today.

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Doctors 'scalded and beat' maid

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A HOUSEMAID was regularly beaten by two doctors who paid her £50 a month for working up to 19 hours a day, seven days a week, a court was told yesterday.

Cindy Dindial, 25, was allegedly bound by the hands and legs, hit with a rolling-pin and beaten all over her body over a period of six months. A jury at Lincoln Crown Court was told she also had boiling water poured over her, scalding her shoulder, and was punched and kicked. The ordeal was said to have ended in February when she spoke to a traffic warden after taking the couple's child to school.

Dr Ramesh Tripathi, 32, of Lincoln, who was a general surgeon at Lincoln County Hospital and studying to become a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, denies assault and false imprisonment. His wife, Dr Radha Tripathi, 30, denies causing grievous bodily harm and assault.

Yvonne Coen, for the prosecution, said that Miss Dindial had worked for the couple in Trinidad and came to Britain with them in April last year when they emigrated. "They persistently ill-treated her. They slapped her, punched her, kicked her," she said.

"She was expected to cook, clean the house, look after their little boy and their baby and do everything around the house. She had to be up at 5am. She did that seven days a week — she never had a day off. For that they paid her £75 a month at first, but later it dropped to £50 a month.

"The beatings were frequent. They would hit her with their fists or hands or with a rolling-pin or a kitchen utensil, such a fish-slice. On a few occasions Mrs Tripathi grabbed her round the throat, digging her nails in, leaving marks that drew blood. One offence was that Mrs Tripathi complained Cindy had not replied fast enough to a question. She poured boiling water over her right shoulder."

The court was told that Mr Tripathi struck Miss Dindial on the head with a toy, drawing blood, as a punishment after she had dropped the toy on the couple's baby. Shortly before Miss Dindial plucked up courage to get help, Mr Tripathi tied her up with two belts and beat her with a rolling-pin, it was alleged.

Miss Dindial told the jury: "I was being beaten for months. I thought about getting away, but I didn't do anything about it because I was scared. I was told that one day I would disappear and my parents would never find me. I believed them".

The case continues today.

Rushdie named pick of the Booker bunch

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

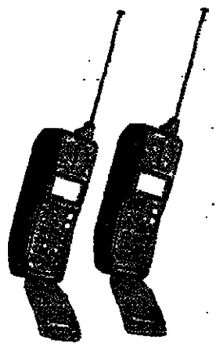
SALMAN Rushdie beat 24 past Booker prize winners last night to take the Booker of Bookers award.

The annual prize celebrated its silver anniversary by asking three judges — Malcolm Bradbury, the novelist shortlisted but never a winner, and W L Webb and David Holloway, both former literary editors of national newspapers — to decide which novel stood above all previous winners.

When *Midnight's Children* was published in 1981, V S Pritchett described Rushdie as the new "master of perpetual story-telling". Rushdie, possibly the world's most famous living writer thanks to the Iranian *fatwa* imposed after *The Satanic Verses* was published, became an instant star. About 43,000 copies of *Midnight's Children* were sold immediately after it won the Booker prize.

Despite instant recognition and life-long interest from publishers, Booker winners are subject to intense pressure to live up to their past performance. They must also cope with envious colleagues: A S Byatt, winner in 1990 for *Possession: a romance*, said she never wanted to win again because "people would hate me".

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Elderly holidaymakers ignore advice to offer no resistance and hand over the money

British couple win battle with French highway robber

BY ANDREW PIERCE

AN ELDERLY British couple fought off a French robber who ambushed their car at the weekend, defying the advice issued by the police and the AA to offer no resistance, shout "*prenez l'argent*" (take the money) and hand over wallets and purses.

Clifford King, 70, and his wife Sheila, 63, who have four children and nine grandchildren, battled with their assailant for a minute before he ran off empty-handed. Badly shaken by the experience on the N10 Ecouen road, north of Paris, they drove until they spotted two policemen on motorcycles. Mr King, a former army captain, said that his wife deserved any praise. "She resolutely refused to let go of her bag."

The couple, from Guildford, Surrey, had been visiting a museum and were driving back to Paris at 2.30pm on Sunday when the thief struck. "The car travelling in front pulled to a halt. The driver got out and walked towards us with a map. I assumed he wanted directions from us," Mr King said.

French police estimate that this summer raiders have been striking at the cars of foreign tourists at the rate of one a day, particularly in southern France.

Mr King, who had read about many of the attacks, said: "Unfortunately, we had not heeded the advice we had read about. The window on my wife's side was half open. He got the door open and lunged at my wife to get her handbag."

In the struggle that followed Mrs King, who was strapped into her car by her seat belt, repeatedly repelled the would-be mugger while motorists in the cars parked behind looked on. "I can only assume they did not know what was going on," Mr King, who was speaking to *The Times* from his hotel in Paris, said.

In a desperate last attempt to prise the bag away the raider dived into the car but was beaten off by the combined blows of the couple. "We were very scared. But I remembered one piece of the advice: sound your car horn. Nobody came to help us. But I think it was one of the reasons he gave up."

The couple, who have driving holidays in France most years, took down the registration number of the French car, and gave the police a description of the robber. "They were sympathetic. But I don't think they can do much. They never even bothered to take our addresses."

Mr and Mrs King, who are continuing their holiday, had not managed to get a reply from the British Consulate in Paris.

Mr King, who worked for British American Tobacco, has lived in Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Mexico, where neither he nor his wife were ever assaulted. But many years ago they suffered a similar ordeal in Kenya.

"That time they got away with my wife's bag. This time we were determined they would not," Mr King said.



Clifford and Sheila King continuing their holiday yesterday with a visit to the the Hotel de Ville in Paris

BNP men held on violence charges

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE national organiser of the British National Party, Richard Edmonds, 50, was remanded in custody at Thames Magistrates Court yesterday.

Mr Edmonds, a self-employed engineer of Welling, southeast London, is charged with causing violent disorder. He was one of 27 people arrested by riot police on Sunday after fighting broke out between supporters of the BNP and anti-racist protestors.

The address he gave to the court was that of the headquarters of the BNP. He was remanded for a week by the stipendiary magistrate, Nicholas Crichton.

Also appearing in court were Stephen O'Shea, 38, unemployed, of East Ham, east London, Simon Biggs, 27, unemployed, of Penge, southeast London, and Paul Steele, 27, a security officer of Poplar, east London. They were also remanded in custody for a week.

They were all charged with causing violent disorder at the demonstration in Brick Lane, Bethnal Green. Mr Biggs faces a further charge of causing grievous bodily harm.

Derek Beackon, the newly-elected BNP councillor for the Isle of Dogs, was in the court in Tower Hamlets, east London, to lend moral support to Mr Edmonds during the short hearing.

Mr Beackon, addressing reporters before the hearing, said: "I've got no connection with this case. I have come here because there are members of my party in court. I am here to support them because they are members of my party."

After the hearing Mr Beackon waved away photographers with his coat and left without speaking. He was driven away in a red Mercedes-Benz car.

☐ A march in protest at the election of a BNP councillor is being planned by groups including the Anti-Nazi League, which organised Sunday's demonstration.

Thousands are expected to turn out on October 16 to march on the BNP's headquarters. Large numbers of extra police will be drafted to the area.

Third ordeal for crash survivors

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH tourists trying to get home after the weekend's linked coach and plane crashes yesterday ran into strikes by French rail workers.

Fourteen of the survivors of the original coach crash, in which two died, came back by air with two going to Gatwick and 12 to Heathrow. They had, however, to travel by taxi the 200 miles from the central French town of Troyes to Paris to avoid a potential strike threat by train drivers.

The rest of the journey was uneventful, unlike that undertaken by nine others who had opted to travel by train. They too had to be taken by taxi to Paris but then discovered that catering staff on the train had gone on strike and food and drink for the hungry and increasingly upset group had to be provided by the medical insurance company Europ Assistance. The company was called in by insurance companies with whom the original group of 52 who had headed for the Mediterranean resort of Cap D'Agde had taken out policies before leaving the West Country last week.

In a complex operation, made worse by the second accident when their chartered aircraft ploughed off the runway at Troyes, the organisation sent medical teams to look after the battered and shocked group who had elected to return home. Fourteen of the original group had decided to continue the holiday.

One of the survivors, Sidney Ling from Milton in Suffolk, speaking in Paris, said: "We really did not believe that it was happening to us again. What we are afraid of now — can I make a joke? — is that the boat will sink in the middle of the Channel."

At Heathrow, the holidaymakers were ushered through arrivals by five police officers. One woman was sobbing as she was brought into the hall in a wheelchair while another covered her face with a cardigan as she walked through.

The holiday-makers, mostly naturists who had been heading for a sunshine trip to Cap d'Agde before the twin accidents, were taken for specialist counselling at Heathrow to help them come to terms with their traumatic experiences.

Two men died in the original accident. The 16 survivors were then subjected to further horror as their aircraft tried to abort its take-off run because of a problem with an engine.

Harvey Smith cleared of golf course assault

BY PAUL WILKINSON

HARVEY Smith, the former international showjumper, was yesterday acquitted of assaulting a golf course greenkeeper during a row over work on the course near his Yorkshire equestrian centre.

A jury at Bradford Crown Court was unable to reach a verdict on a second assault charge involving another member of the club staff. Judge Norman Jones QC ordered that the retrial of the second charge should be heard before a fresh jury with the minimum delay.

Mr Smith, 54, denied two accusations of causing actual bodily harm to Richard Haley, 22, and Nick Faram, 53, on February 9, at Baildon Moor golf club, West Yorkshire. The jury of five men and six women took two hours 35 minutes to find him not guilty of the assault on Mr Faram, but even after the judge gave them directions for a majority verdict, they were unable to reach a decision on the other charge.

After the row, Mr Haley needed five stitches to a head wound, which he said happened after Mr Smith pushed him into his tractor. Mr Faram received a black eye.

The court was told during the four-day trial that the row was the culmination of a ten-month dispute between Mr Smith and the golf club.

Bystander hurt in pub row shooting

BY A STAFF REPORTER

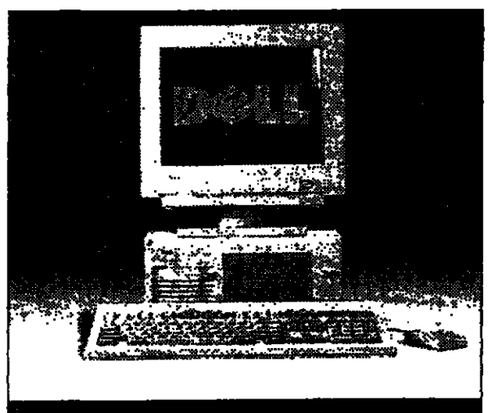
A WOMAN was critically ill last night with a bullet lodged in her head after becoming the innocent victim of a pub shooting. Two men were being questioned after a search by 40 armed police.

Nicola Lumsden, 18, was hit by a shot from a hand-gun fired at one of three men involved in an argument outside the Redskins pub at Washington, Tyne and Wear, on Sunday night. Miss Lumsden, from Washington, who had just left the pub with friends, has undergone surgery at Newcastle General Hospital.

The incident began with an argument between two men in the Redskins who went outside. They were joined by a third man and the shot was fired. Steve Wilson, 24, of Washington, who was thought to be the intended target, said that a stranger in the pub ordered him to finish his beer. As they left the pub, arguing, "someone else came back down the path and shouted. Then there was the sound of what I thought was a firecracker, but he had a pistol."

Miss Lumsden was walking through the pub car park. After the shot, two cars each carrying two men sped away. Police, who conducted house-to-house enquiries and fingertip searches, said two men were held after officers went to three houses in Gateshead.

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Graduates reluctant to enter teaching

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

GRADUATES are still reluctant to become teachers despite the strongest recruitment for nearly 20 years, according to a survey published yesterday.

John Patten, the education secretary, noted with satisfaction last week that people were "queuing up to join the profession", but the survey, commissioned by a teachers' union, suggests that shortages could still be a problem in the medium term.

Mr Patten's optimism is based on the fact that few teacher training courses have vacancies for the new term and that universities and colleges are likely to overshoot the targets set by the government for the second successive year.

However, the survey, conducted on 22 campuses by the market researchers BMRB International, found that teaching was the first career choice for only 9 per cent of final year students. The proportion was even lower among engineering and science students, who are the government's priority for recruitment into schools.

Those going into teaching were attracted by the intellectual challenge and perceived opportunities to be creative. Few expected high earnings or social recognition.

Peter Smith, the association's general secretary, said: "At present idealism is outweighing materialism, but once teachers qualify and enter the classroom, then the very high rates of drop-out and wastage illustrate just how soon these expectations are dashed. These findings are a savage indictment of this government's pay policy and its lack of foresight and investment in future manpower needs."

The union is claiming a 6 per cent rise but the review body has been told that any increases will have to be met from productivity gains. The education department said yesterday that teachers' pay was very competitive.

Granada mini-series snatches Emmy victory from US rivals

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A POLICE drama produced for British television by Granada TV has won the most outstanding mini-series category at the 45th annual Emmy awards.

Prime Suspect 2, starring Helen Mirren and focusing on racism, beat strong competition from America's multi-million-dollar networks, including *Alex Haley's Queen* and *Sinatra*, both produced by CBS.

The ceremony was held in Pasadena, California, on Sunday night.

Accepting the award, Paul Marcus, the series' producer, said: "I want to say thank you to Granada, a British broadcasting company of distinction with a commitment to making radical drama, and to Helen Mirren, a truly outstanding actress by any standards.

"Racism is a cancer. And it's a cancer we all have to fight as effectively as possible."

Mirren was also nominated for the best actress in a mini-series award, but lost to Holly Hunter for her part in the acclaimed *The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleading Murdering Mom* — a satire on American docu-dramas. It also won awards for best supporting actor (Beau Bridges) and best mini-series writer (Jane Anderson).

Another British performer, Tracey Ullman, won an Emmy for outstanding guest actress in a comedy for her appearance in the series *Love and War*.


Mirren: praised for *Prime Suspect 2* role

Cable television scooped 16 prizes to equal NBC as top award-winner.

Roseanne Arnold, who has in the past complained about the lack of awards given to her popular television series *Roseanne*, won the award for best comedy actress. Last year Arnold appeared dressed in a red leather outfit and insisted she deserved the Emmy, which was later awarded to Candice Bergen. She refused to attend this year's ceremony.

British-born actress Angela Lansbury hosted the awards. Last year's ceremony, in which Bergen (who plays Murphy Brown in the American series of the same name) returned fire at her most prominent critic, the then vice-president Dan Quayle, alienated many viewers by its flippant tone.

Justices' clerks meet to plan action over courts shake-up

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

OPPOSITION to the Lord Chancellor's plans for a shake-up of magistrates' courts will harden today when more than 200 justices' clerks, representing most magistrates' courts in England and Wales, are expected to attend an emergency meeting in London. They say the plans threaten judicial independence.

The proposals, expected to be contained in the Queen's Speech, have prompted unprecedented criticism from justices' clerks and a majority of magistrates. In particular, there is concern over a change which would place the clerks, who are the chief legal advisers to magistrates, under new fixed-term contracts with pay linked to performance; and for courts' funding to be linked to the number of cases handled.

Instead of being answerable to magistrates, the clerks will be directly accountable to a new area manager, a proposed chief justice's clerk and, through him, to the Lord Chancellor. This makes them answerable for the first time to the executive, they say.

The justices' clerks will vote today on a resolution for a withdrawal of the plans and for a new detailed review of the magistrates' courts' service.

John Friel, president of the Justices' Clerks' Society, said the fear was that the changes would "bring non-judicial influences to bear on the advice that clerks give and will make them hesitate to defy government directions such as those that were given to speed up the passage of cases connected with the miners' strike".

He said the proposals would cost more, possibly causing more court closures, and lead to loss of control over magistrates' courts. The Lord Chancellor's department is anxious to allay the concerns and has already embarked on a "mission to explain" the proposals.

Yesterday, John Taylor, parliamentary secretary at the department, visited Preston magistrates' court, the latest on his "roadshow". He has said that the government proposals for the first time enshrined judicial independence in statute.

Justices' clerks had two distinct roles: as independent legal advisers to magistrates and as managers of their courts. The government had no intention of tampering with the first; their aim was to improve the second, Mr Taylor said. "Some magistrates courts operating in this country are absolutely first class. What we want to do is get them all up to the standards of the best."

Pensions firm says poverty awaits 'pie in sky' workers

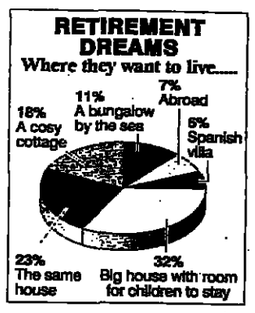
BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH workers dream about an affluent retirement, but are heading for a nightmare, a survey published yesterday claims.

It says workers face impoverished old age because they have unrealistic dreams about how much cash they will have to spend.

Many also fantasise about moving to a better home or a villa abroad, enjoying more holidays and having more or the same amount of money as when they worked.

The survey, for the Norwich Union, claims few people are putting enough money into occupational pension schemes to be able to fulfil their retirement ambitions and instead face an old age in which they will have to cut spending. It says the United Kingdom has a higher proportion of people aged over 65 than any other European Community country and Britons are living almost three decades longer than at the turn of the century.



Average life expectancy for males, which was 45.5 years in 1900, is expected to reach 74.5 years by the end of the century. Average life expectancy for females was 49 years in 1900 and is expected to reach 79.9 by 2000.

Figures from the Office of Population, Census and Surveys suggest that the number of people of pensionable age will increase from 9.5 million to 12.8 million by 2029.

The Norwich Union survey of 700 workers aged 25 to 54 found that most had unrealistic expectations about the good life they would continue to enjoy in retirement. Three-quarters of those questioned expected to move to more comfortable surroundings, either a bigger house, country cottage or villa abroad.

A similar percentage expected to spend more money on travel and four in five expected to spend more time on holiday.

More than two-thirds of those questioned believed they would have the same or more money to spend when they finished work and two out of three wanted to begin the spending by retiring before they were 60.

While the majority thought they would have the same or more money to spend when retired, more than one-third believed that money would be their greatest worry in retirement.

A similar percentage believed that illness and boredom would be problems, 26 per cent said a partner dying worried them the most and 18 per ceht said loneliness was their prime concern.

The survey said it was unlikely most of those questioned would be able to fulfill their "pie in the sky hopes" because average contributions to pension schemes would not provide enough cash to allow them to enjoy an affluent lifestyle.

Almost four in ten working people on the UK have no pension provisions other than the basic state pension and apathy stops others starting to contribute to occupational schemes early in their working life.

A spokeswoman for Age Concern said: "People must start planning early for their future. With more people retiring earlier, either voluntarily or compulsorily, they will find their pensions insufficient. Too many people thought that their pensions, both state and private, were going to be more valuable than has turned out in reality."

She said the generation now approaching pensionable age did not have the unrealistic expectations of younger workers who envisaged an old age in which the lifestyles they enjoyed would continue into retirement.



Carolyn James, who began to paint after the onset of complete blindness, is one of the featured artists in a calendar produced by the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Ms James has developed a technique which relies on touch and "shapes remembered from when I was a girl". Marcus Weisen, arts officer at the RNIB, said that attitudes within the visual art world worked against blind artists. "The general perception is that painting is the exclusive preserve of those with perfect sight, but it is really about personal vision." Arts, page 33

Keyhole surgeons risk patients' lives

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A £4 million programme to train surgeons in "keyhole" surgery is to be set up following a report which discloses that patients have died or suffered serious injuries as the result of incompetent practice.

The sudden introduction of the new keyhole techniques, which were developed in 1990 and are already used in one in five abdominal operations, is putting patients at risk, says the unpublished report by a working party of surgeons. It was commissioned by the health department and the Scottish Office.

Professor Alfred Cuschieri, a pioneer of keyhole surgery and chairman of the working party, said: "We warned disaster would ensue unless something was done."

The health department yesterday announced the £4 million funding, half provided by the Wolfson Foundation, to establish three training centres, in London, Leeds and Dundee. However, Dr Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, refused to disclose the contents of the Cuschieri report or say whether it would be published.

Professor Cuschieri's report says the need for training has been stressed repeatedly, but there is evidence that some surgeons have attempted keyhole techniques without it.

The report cites evidence from New York State where 158 "adverse incidents" involving keyhole surgery were reported between August 1990 and May 1992. 24 of them "permanent or life threatening" and more than two thirds requiring further surgery to repair injuries. It says the picture is "similar" in the UK.

Professor Cuschieri, head of surgery at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, said: "The problem is that many surgeons think they have been operating all their lives and they can do it. But they can't. It involves different techniques. You are operating from a distance using a TV monitor, the instruments are long and you have lost your tactile sense. This can result in disasters and disasters have happened.

"The technique is only safe if it is safely practised. There have been a lot of problems. At one stage I was getting two requests from solicitors every week seeking my opinion on keyhole surgery cases."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fake priest jailed for 'IRA' plan

A businessman who tried to extort £1 million from companies by promising to spare them from IRA attacks was jailed for four years at the Old Bailey.

The court was told that Christopher Robinson, 52, of Hintlesham, Suffolk, pretended to represent a group of Irish clergymen seeking money for victims of terrorism.

Robinson, whose publishing business was in trouble, wrote to the Stock Exchange, Harrods, Marks & Spencer, Lonrho and more than 20 other firms as Rev Stephen Jonas of co. Down, saying that those who donated money were not attacked.

Woman praised

A judge at Southwark Crown Court praised the courage of Liz Lillingston, 57, of Hertfordshire, who refused to hand over her handbag despite being kicked and punched by a mugger in King's Cross, London.

Boy remanded

A boy aged 13 was remanded in care by Leicester magistrates charged with the attempted murder of his ten-year-old cousin in Lutterworth on Friday.

Visit ends

Julie Ride, 32, of Walthamstow, east London, left Baghdad after visiting her husband Paul, 33, who has served one year of a seven-year sentence for illegally entering Iraq.

Death fall

Police are investigating the death of Cassandra Higgins, 19, who was thrown naked from a 15-storey block of flats in Leyton, east London.

Happy return

The station at Gretna Green, Dumfries & Galloway, has reopened 28 years after it was closed down as part of BR cuts.

Police cuts highlight alternatives to Sheehy

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE forces have cut hundreds of senior posts and saved enough cash to fund the recruitment of an extra 976 constables on the beat, the leader of Britain's chief constables said yesterday.

Launching the response by top officers to the Sheehy report on police pay and conditions, John Burrow, chief constable of Essex and president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said the cuts showed alternatives to the report's proposals.

In the past three years, provincial forces have cut 350 chief inspectors, superintendents and chief superintendents to create a saving of £11 million which could finance 976 constables. Another 200 to 250 provincial jobs will go in the next few years and Scotland Yard has also said it will cut 460 senior jobs.

The total cuts would fund between 2,000 and 2,500 officers if police were given permission to use the money. At the moment savings cannot be re-allocated to new manpower despite pressure from chief constables. New legislation is expected to change this.

Mr Burrow said the cuts in provincial forces were made without any extra costs through natural wastage and reorganisation and should be compared to the Sheehy proposals which urged cutting 5,000 jobs by abolishing three ranks. The report promised 3,000 extra officers on the beat but extra money would be needed and ranks would go which were in fact needed.

Mr Burrow called for an end to the "yah-boo politics" which had surrounded the debate on Sheehy, saying comments by police that some of the Sheehy proposals were "daft and silly" were unhelpful. Paul Condon, commissioner of the Metropolitan police, last week called proposals for retirement at 60 "plain daft".

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Gummer accuses environmental activists of fascism

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

ENVIRONMENTALISTS are living in a fantasy world and making "unrealistic demands" on society, John Gummer, the environment secretary, said yesterday.

Speaking at the opening of an international conference in Manchester on sustainable development, Mr Gummer further antagonised environmentalists who heckled his speech by calling them fascists. Earlier his morning tram ride through the city centre was halted by a women's environmental group and anti-road protesters.

Mr Gummer accused the environmental movement of "absolutism" and a failure to set realistic environmental goals. "The trouble with the environment movement in this country and in the world is that it will not do two things," he said. "The first is to have priorities — because no society can spend money on everything at once."

Wildlife groups, conservationists and local people who had attacked the £23 billion government road building programme were "absolutists", Mr Gummer said. "You can't move in a democratic society suddenly from a situation where you provide everything for the motorcar to a situation where you provide nothing."

Action was needed urgently to curb the explosive growth of the car, which he said had become the master rather than the slave of society. "It has increasingly destroyed our cities and it is increasingly destroying the quality of life of many people."

However, an absolutist anti-roads policy was not the solution. Villages, choking under fumes and congestion, needed bypasses. Expanding the M25 was vital not for cars but to get manufacturing goods from the north to the Channel ports.

The three-day conference, aimed at helping people to learn at first hand how to achieve growth and a high quality of life without causing pollution, has been devised as a follow-up to the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro last year.

John Major, who is on a visit to Japan, had planned to address the conference via a video recording filmed a few weeks ago. However, the audience was told yesterday that the screening was off because, according to an environment department spokesman, "of a technical fault".

Later it emerged that the two copies of the video had been stolen, with the theft only discovered minutes before the screening. An official said: "A member of Earth First, an environmental activist group, is suspected. He was seen near the back of the stage and we thought he was a technician."

The attention being given to protesters is in danger of overshadowing what many of the participants believe is an important conference. Sustainable development — which Mr Gummer described as growth without cheating on our children — is a new concept which, rather like democracy, has numerous interpretations and is best explained by case studies.

The conference heard how a project in Ecuador was attempting to save the rainforest through a scheme called the Tagua Nut Project. The nut in question is an ivory-like fruit which is carved by local people into buttons and jewellery for export.

The money earned by local families has persuaded them to cultivate the rainforest rather than fell it for fuel.

Examples of sustainable development in Britain will be debated today.

Seven charities including Christian Aid, Oxfam, Friends of the Earth and the World Wide Fund for Nature, said the aims of the conference were in danger of being undermined by the government's overseas aid policy.

They accused the government of cutting back on funds for the developing world, of orchestrating unfair trade with Third World nations and of continuing to require poor countries to service huge Western-based debts.



MARTIN BEDDALL

The Beaufort Hunt in Gloucestershire, one of many threatened by the increasing involvement of county councils

Huntsmen hit back at the 'urban idealists'

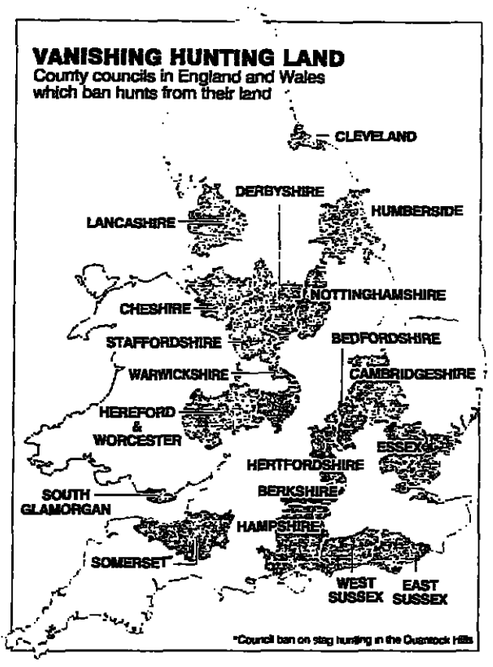
BY NICHOLAS WATT

BRITAIN'S hunting fraternity say they are under siege from misguided urban idealists who have persuaded nearly half of the county councils in England and Wales to ban bloodsports on land they own or control.

As huntsmen and saboteurs take to the countryside at the start of the new season more local authorities are getting involved in the controversy, with a Hampshire County Council ban in place from last week and Gloucestershire debating the issue today.

Three county councils have imposed bans — and four more are debating whether to follow their example — after Conservatives lost control of a series of shire councils in the May local elections. Scores of district councils ban bloodsports, and even cities such as Leeds and Manchester forbid hunting on land which they own or control. The National Trust, which has resisted attempts to ban hunting on its land, will debate the morality of stag hunting at its annual meeting in November.

Captain Ian Farquhar, the joint master of the Beaufort Hunt, which would be affected by a ban on county council land in Gloucestershire, said that the whole rural community was angry. "A small and vociferous group is trying to put us outside the law," he said. "We are very proud of our sport. It produces a lot of jobs and is good for conservation."



Hunt masters are so infuriated by the bans that some have said they may have to disband their hunts. The normally restrained *Horse and Hound* magazine heralded the new season with a trenchant attack on councils which have banned hunting.

Denys White, spokesman for the Master of the Quantock Stag Hounds, said that his hunt may have to be disbanded after Somerset County Council, which the Liberal Democrats won in May, banned the sport on a 140-acre strip of its land last month. "The ban has affected us very badly because it cuts our country right in half," he said. "The councillors are so entrenched that we have been forced to go to the courts to try to reverse the decision."

Mr White condemned Liberal Democrat councillors as misguided and ignorant of the importance of hunting in culling the deer population. "They are misinformed townspeople who do not appreciate the reality of life in the countryside," he said. "The hunt disperses and controls the deer, and 200 local landowners have signed a petition saying that the hunt is the only acceptable way of deer management."

The British Field Sports Society accused Somerset and Hampshire county councils of adopting the worst elements of feudal landlordism. Arlin Rickard, the society's representative in the South West, said that tenant farmers who rented their land from councils with bans would no longer be allowed to use hunting to control vermin.

"Councils have taken a moral view and sought to impose it on tenants, which will make their lives very difficult," he said. "Once councils make a moral judgment they are on a very slippery slope. Parliament is the only place that can decide these moral issues."

Opponents say the sport subjects animals to unnecessary suffering. Jim Barrington, executive director of the League Against Cruel Sports, said: "It is questionable whether you need to take out foxes because they are controlled by natural mechanisms such as the availability of food and territory. Some form of human control is necessary to control the deer population, but hunters are not interested in helping nature. They go for the strongest deer which will give them a good run."

The league is determined to fight on after one of the ugliest seasons when a 15-year-old boy was killed on his first time out with saboteurs in Cambridgeshire in April.

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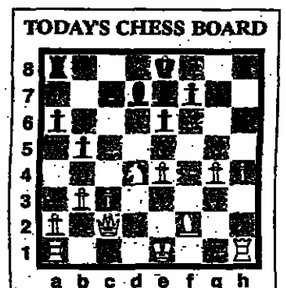
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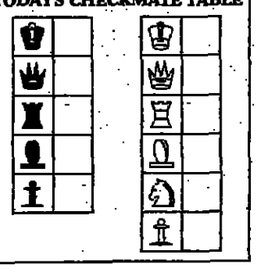
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Short's conquest of fear is his first victory in match

*Nigel Short may still be waiting for a win as he goes into today's seventh game of the world chess championship. But, **Simon Barnes** says, he has turned the match around*

Timing. That is the essence of all games; that is what separates the great from the merely excellent. Not the routine business of timing the flight of a ball: I mean the ability to recognise when your moment in history arrives, and then to seize it.

Today and Thursday, the seventh and eighth games in *The Times* World Chess Championship, we will find out whether Nigel Short has this sense of timing. He has unquestionably turned the match around: the next question is whether the match will stay turned. But seldom have I seen a man so transformed.

In game four Short blew his chance to win. As a lesson in body language his post-match performance was close to caricature. We shook hands: it was like being given a handful of cold spaghetti.

Then game five: a short draw. Short's preparation had caught Garry Kasparov on the wrong foot — and afterwards, Short was like a victor. He *was* a victor: he had conquered himself. He threw his arms and legs about the place, made a series of weird, expansive gestures, grinned cheesily. For he had turned back the tide of defeat, not to mention defeatism. Short had not merely drawn: he had out-Kasparoved Kasparov.

And so to Saturday, and Short retained the momentum — aggressive, and incisive: a draw in which he had the edge. Afterwards, the same wild body language, the same relaxed and expansive Nigel. "I have had psychological problems in the early games of the match," he said. "The point is that I have got over them."

One imagines that the point was to forget Kazza the Superman: to see Kasparov as a flawed human being. If Short can see Kasparov in such a light, he is almost alone in chess: expert analysts seem often mesmerised by his reputation. If Short felt like that at the start, he does so no longer. That is the point on which this match has turned.

"He makes mistakes. They are hard to exploit, and there are very few of them. But he has his weaknesses." Short, in short, has freed himself from fear. He has begun to play his own game. Now he must consolidate. He needs a win this week. He also needs not to lose again. But he has got the pace of the pitch, and something of the measure of his adversary.

The long match has turned: it will turn and turn again before we are through. Short has climbed out of a bottomless pit he dug for himself. He starts the match afresh. "Don't panic," he told us, grinning.

When in good form, he tends to make an eccentric gesture, holding both hands high above his head for some seconds, like an umpire signaling a six. He did this once again. "You can either play passively against Kasparov, or you can go out and meet him head-on. I prefer to meet him head-on." The next collision of will awaits him today.

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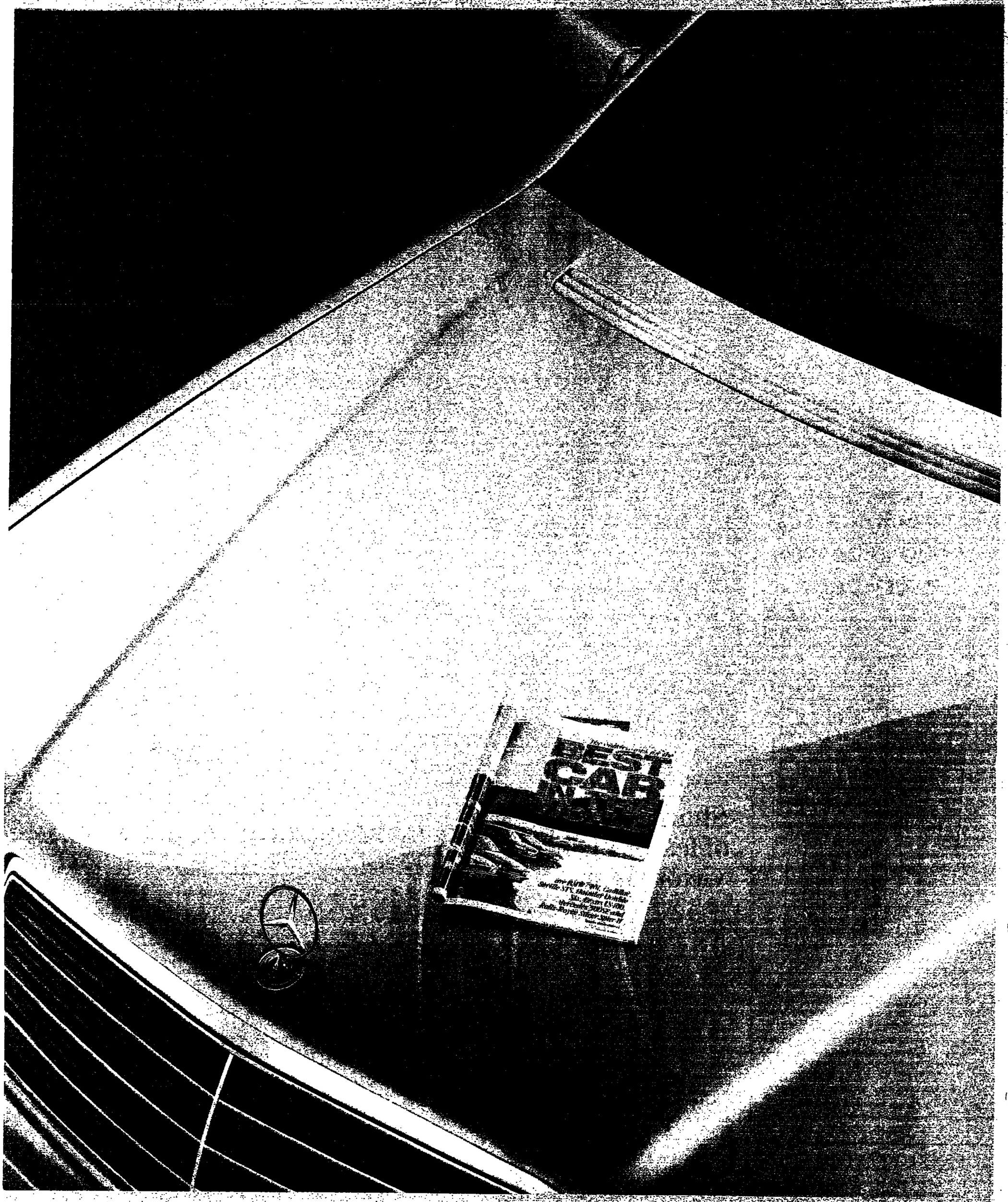
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Ashdown under pressure to seek close ties with Labour

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

PADDY Ashdown was last night facing mounting pressure from Liberal Democrat activists and MPs to seek closer relations with Labour and to announce formally that he would never do a deal with the Tories to keep them in power.

With a new poll today showing strong voter support for the idea of Labour-Liberal Democrat government Simon Hughes, the party's environment spokesman, urged the party leader to come off the fence and state categorically that he would not support the Conservatives. A fresh survey has also shown majority support among party members for electoral pacts with Labour. However, amid signs of sharp divisions among Liberal Democrat MPs on the issue, Mr Ashdown's close colleagues immediately made plain last night that he has no intention of placing the question of formal pacts with Labour back on the political agenda.

He was also said by friends to be determined to resist the idea of declaring an anti-Tory pact, for fear of driving former Conservative voters back into the fold and weakening his hand in any future negotiations with either of the main parties. "If we said to Labour 'we are yours' they would have us over a barrel and we would get nothing from them," a source close to Mr Ashdown said.

Today's ICM poll in *The Guardian* will give further ammunition to those pressing for much closer co-operation. Its survey put Labour on 45 per cent and the Liberal Democrats on 24 per cent, a combined total of 69 per cent. The figure fell only by 7 per cent, to 62 per cent, when the respondents were asked how they would vote if there was a coalition between Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

Mr Ashdown's friends said he had proffered an olive branch to Labour in his Chard speech shortly after the general election, suggesting that his party should "reach out to those who might share an agenda for reform". Labour had not responded and Mr Ashdown would not raise the matter again.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS IN TORQUAY



Only in the unlikely event of John Smith deciding before the election that Labour could not win on its own, would the issue return to the agenda. At a fringe meeting yesterday, Mr Hughes said Labour and the Liberal Democrats should start looking for the common ground now. While he conceded that deals over seats would not happen, "it would be stupid for any political party seeking to replace the Conservatives in office not to look for common ground in those areas both with the electorate and with politicians with the same general aims".

Mr Hughes said the Liberal Democrats should state categorically that they would never do a deal with the Tories. "We have to come off the fence," he said.

Charles Kennedy, the party president, also spoke of the opportunity for dialogue being needed and welcome. He also hinted that reform of the trade union link might change attitudes to Labour.

Meanwhile the party's proposals for a carbon tax, to be debated by the conference today, raised worries when they were considered by a private meeting of the party's MPs yesterday. Alex Carlile and Malcolm Bruce were reported to have voiced strong concern over the effect on rural areas of higher petrol costs that would be implied by such a tax, and the impact on pensioners' fuel bills. There was a demand for Mr Hughes to spell out today that there would be adequate compensation arrangements.

☐ The Liberal Democrats reaffirmed their abhorrence of racism yesterday by uniting behind tougher policies for promoting the ethnic minorities within the party (Sheila Gunn writes). As the Tower Hamlets race dispute gave added prominence to the conference's short debate on race relations, leading activists declared their non-negotiable commitment to fighting racism. Ramesh Dewan, chairman of the party's ethnic minorities group, disclosed that 507 of the 711 Liberal Democrat members in Tower Hamlets are Asians. "In the last few days the Labour party has gone completely mad in implying that the Liberal Democrats in Tower Hamlets must be full of racists," he said.

Navmit Dholakia, a memebr of the federal policy committee, said that the British National Party's seven-vote victory in the council by-election revealed that race relations were very fragile in Britain.

Delegates do the groundwork for election next year

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND ALICE THOMSON

LIBERAL Democrats were put on election footing yesterday as the party took a critical step towards preparing for a campaign as early as next year.

The party leadership delivered an election warning as it overcame the embarrassment of last year's conference at which angry delegates poured scorn on the hastily-prepared policy document and the authors only narrowly avoided having their proposals rejected.

As delegates considered a redrafted document yesterday, they were reminded of the urgency of preparing the ground for a firm manifesto. Lord Holme of Cheltenham, the architect of the party's 1992 manifesto, said: "We must be ready for an election from early 1994 onwards. This Conservative government has the smell of impermanence."

Last year, the original paper was denounced by one delegate as "fudge, mudge and bollocks" and was widely criticised for its lack of clarity and its concentration on right-wing, free-market principles.

The revised version, which was overwhelmingly endorsed by delegates yesterday, aims to create more workplace and local communities and sets out emergency measures to tackle poverty. It also lays down plans to enhance public consent for taxation and to allocate taxation to particular areas of expenditure.

Lord Holme insisted that *Facing up to the Future* "gives us a flying start on a winning manifesto". He said that the working paper, written after wide consultation within and outside the party, set "the context, shape and priorities" for the manifesto, although it did not include detailed policy commitments.

Yesterday's good-humoured debate contrasted starkly with last year's angry denunciations, but several delegates reflected concern about the "middle-class tone" of the document and criticised policy omissions that they said were fundamental to the party's electoral appeal.

Alex Wilcock, who last year condemned the party for being recklessly timid with no vision, yesterday attacked the lack of a firm environmental policy and said that party was "being too hung up on materialism."

Peter Gold (Wells, Somerset) said that there was a mismatch between skills the country had and the skills it needed if it was to ensure economic prosperity. Calling for an expansion of programmes between all state schools and industry, he praised the policy document for tackling training.

Andrew Duff (Cambridgeshire) called the document "centrist in much of its thought and in much of its prescriptions" and said there was a danger of falling for "flip-flop policies" and some of "John Major's suburban obsessions".

Janet Salmon (Brentford and Isleworth) said that flexibility was not an excuse. "We have to ensure that we don't just become another nice middle-class party or we will also be regarded as being out of touch and part of the chattering classes," she said.

Others had still not been infected by their leader's growing confidence. Elspeth Buchanan (central Scotland) pointed out that for a prospective party of government the Liberal Democrats were lacking in subsidies from business and trade unions. "We need a trashy newspaper with a page three girl saying 'I just love proportional representation' and we need a snappy slogan explaining what the Liberal Democrats are."

Richard Denton-White called for a radical reform of the City of London and Roger Liddle, architect of the Liberal Democrats' European manifesto, warned delegates that it was voters' fear of tax rises that had sent them "scurrying back to the Conservatives in the last few days of the election". He called for fundamental tax reforms to eradicate the "gross unfairness" of the present system.

Lord Holme emphasised that the document "gives the lie, as did our 1992 election manifesto, to the assertion that we have no policies". However, he told delegates: "We must expect our principles and policies to be tested and tested again in the harsh glare of publicity. We must all know what we stand for. We have to be rigorous in our thinking and we have to be consistent."

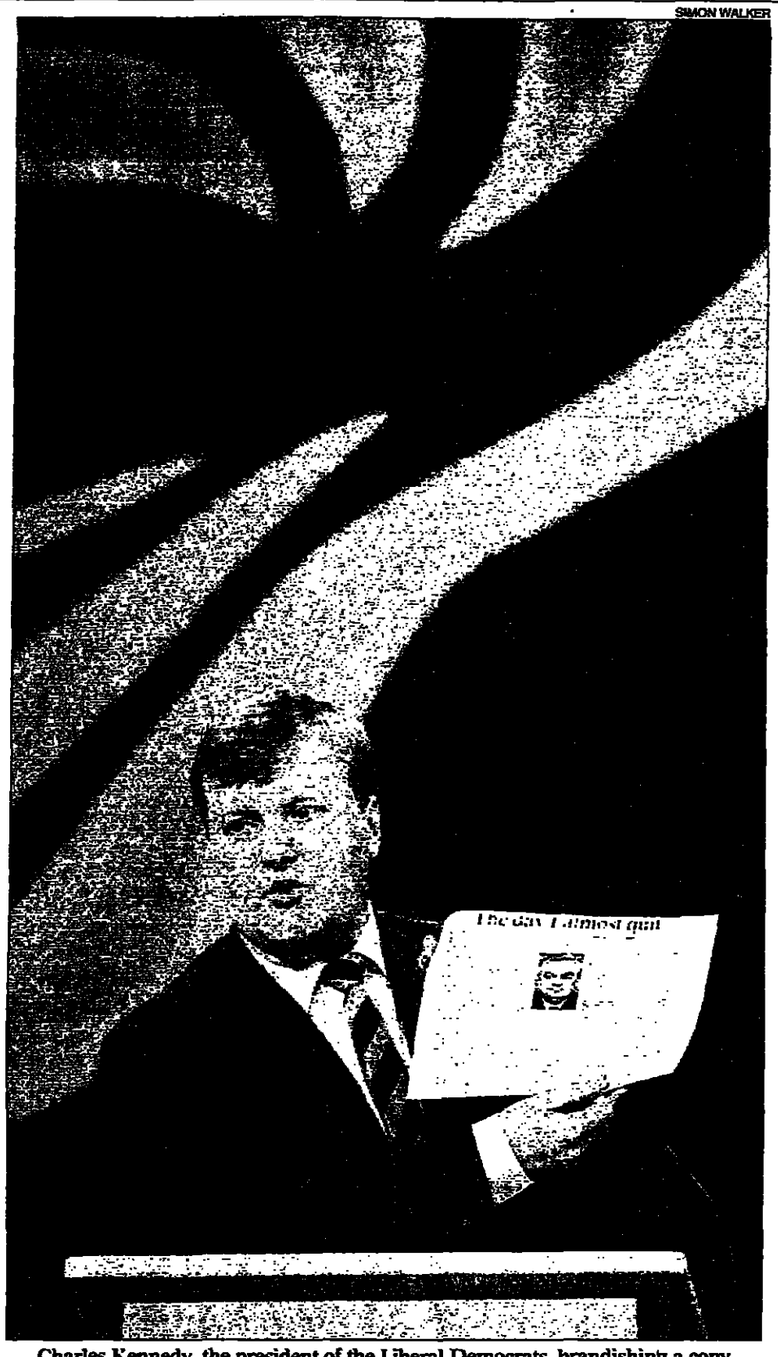
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Gaining ground in the South

THE Liberal Democrats would gain 46 seats in southern England outside London on the basis of present voting intentions, a new MORI survey has revealed.

In the southwest, the Tories would hold just one seat, Christchurch, which they lost in a by-election two months ago. The Liberal Democrats would raise their total from six to 37, winning every seat in Cornwall and Somerset and all but three in Devon.

SIMON WALKER



Charles Kennedy, the president of the Liberal Democrats, brandishing a copy of Norman Lamont's recent article in *The Times* during his keynote speech

Divided over common issues

LIB-LABBERY is dead. Long live common ground. Paradoxically, just as formal arrangements between the parties have been firmly ruled out, similarities between their approaches have become increasingly apparent. As one of the secret service bureaucrats in a Le Carré novel might have said, realignment is out, parallelism is in.

Last year's trial balloons about deals or pacts, always somewhat exaggerated in the media, have now been shot to the ground. The olive branch on multi-party co-operation offered by Paddy Ashdown in his Chard speech 15 months ago was rejected by Labour. And the Liberal Democrats have concluded from their two by-election campaigns that too close an association with Labour would be electorally damaging. Instead, there is post-election co-operation in county halls across southern England.

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Despite public statements, that does not mean the Liberal Democrats are equally distant from both Tories and Labour, as David Owen sought to keep the SDP in the days of the old Alliance, much to the embarassment of the anti-Tory David Steel. The predicament has partly been resolved by increased tactical voting, which helped Labour to win several Westminster seats last year and assisted the Liberal Democrats in this year's local elections.

Not all would be as categoric as Simon Hughes was yesterday in arguing that the party should say now that it would not do a deal with the Tories. At the same fringe meeting, Malcolm Bruce opposed not just pre-election talks with Labour but also post-election arrangements if no party has an overall majority. The Liberal Democrats should remain in opposition.

But most speeches have been much more anti-Tory than anti-Labour. In his presidential address, Charles Kennedy aimed almost all his fire at the Tories and made a point of a drawing a parallel between Lord Dahrendorf's commission on the economy and Labour's social justice commission and said the opportunity for dialogue was "needed and welcome." He is keen to encourage Labour's "modernisers", but wants to avoid hinting at even a sub-plot of "pactism".

The key figures on the social justice commission last night held a fringe meeting attended by Mr Kennedy, while John Denham, a Labour MP, spoke at another. It is hard to envisage a Tory MP being similarly welcomed.

There are similarities with Labour not only of broad approach, active government to assist the individual, but also of detailed policy. Mr Hughes highlighted common ground on, for example, employment, education and environmental policy. Yet neither party is willing to engage in joint policymaking, even in semi-independent groups. As Mr Kennedy pointed out, the "fear of Labour" factor, not least over tax and expenditure, deprived his party of many constituencies towards the end of last year's election campaign.

The Liberal Democrats also have to demonstrate that they are a national party. Lord Holme of Cheltenham, the party's perennial campaign strategist, said yesterday that they have to show the whole is more than the sum of the parts. That means rigour and consistency in thinking and behaviour across the country, a discreet warning against other Tower Hamlets.

Labour and Liberal Democrats may be developing a similar, if not a common, alternative to the Tories, but the government can console itself that the opposition remains divided electorally.

PETER RIDDELL

Party policymakers outlaw the 'F' word

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE "F" word is to vanish from the Liberal Democrats' vocabulary as the party starts to trim its European policy in preparation for next year's European elections.

The party's policymakers have decided that, since "federalism" conjures up the idea of a United States of Europe for most voters, they will no longer declare their commitment to a federal Europe.

They interpret the word as subsidiarity, with power devolved through European, national, regional and community levels. They fear, however, that Tories would succeed in spreading alarm about the Liberal Democrats' "federal" ambitions among voters before next June's elections to the European parliament.

Roger Liddle, chairman of the European manifesto group, said yesterday: "We cannot get away with that on the doorstep." He said it was ludicrous to suggest that the Liberal Democrats favoured a centralised super-state or United States of Europe. "When the Conservatives attack us for being federalist, that is what they mean and what the public thinks. We must self-consciously distance ourselves from grandiose 'federalist' rhetoric which lays us open to easy misrepresentation."

The party is also preparing to tone down its commitment to a single currency as the prospect of a closer convergence between the Community's currencies looks increasingly remote. Campaigners will argue that, although Britain should not be left behind if the French and Germans go ahead with a single currency, the pace should not be forced. The Liberal Democrats will, however, retain support for an independent central bank, which is gaining support from all parties.

In the run-up to the European elections, prospective MEPs will emphasise that the Liberal Democrats have never been uncritical supporters of everything emanating from Brussels and they have always protested against the flawed decision-making structures.

The party has no seats in the present Strasbourg parliament, and is keen to build on its council and by-election successes.

Lord Holme of Cheltenham, a key policy adviser, wants to rid the party of its "Euromaniacs" tag and promote policies for a democratic, diverse, decentralised Europe rather than "worshipping at the altar of Brussels".

This week's conference is holding only a narrowly defined debate on Europe, leaving the manifesto to be drafted by a special group. Key policy decisions will also be made in Torquay in early December at a gathering of the European Liberal Democratic and Reform Federation.

Mr Liddle told members at a fringe meeting yesterday that the party's policies had to respond to a sceptical public. "No longer can we rely on the dubious security offered by a low standing in the opinion polls, so that across the whole field of policy the party can get away with half-baked proposals with narrow appeal to a limited band of enthusiasts, because no one else will notice."

Oh to be in Tokyo, now that Major's there

CONFERENCE DIARY

MATTHEW PARRIS

Eyes ablaze and jaw jutting, Paddy Ashdown strides among the home-knitted cardigans, NHS specs and people with disabilities like some warrior king fallen among the infantry and deprived of his steed. The real jousting lies far from Torquay. "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse ..." but these are all the troops he's got. He must cherish them. He smiles — "I see you're local councillors?" — shakes a hand and pats a back. But that steely glint, those narrowed eyes, that gaze fixed on the middle distance, say it all.

"We're from Dorset, Paddy: County Council ..." — "Ah indeed! A magnificent victory!"

... Oh to be in Tokyo. Charles Kennedy, Liberal Democrat president, mentioned Tokyo in his opening speech yesterday. He had counted, he said, and there were more political editors with Paddy and his party here at Torquay than with the prime minister in Tokyo.

What Mr Kennedy did not mention was that the journalists in Torquay were cursing themselves. For it must be said that something is missing. Weather's bleak, agenda's bleaker, and somehow — and so far — there's just no fizz. *Three* camera crews turned up for a book signing by Roy Jenkins; a baleful indicator of the level of amusement on offer.

Charles Kennedy's speeches often lifted the heart. At Harrogate he told us that wherever birds sang in open skies and the human spirit yearned for freedom there would Liberalism be found. This year he read out what sounded like an intelligent political column in one of the better newspapers. The media, he said, would note this Liberal revival and ask: "Haven't we seen it all before?" It was a good question. I cannot recall that Mr Kennedy answered it. Perhaps he forgot.

Around noon spirits rose as a rumour spread that there was to be a race riot after lunch. Apparently a squad from the British National Party was coming down from London to confront a squad from the Anti Nazi League ... or vice versa. It seems that, like pizzas, you can now have these race riots delivered to any convenient location: elements from the warring factions will travel down in separate carriages to wherever you are, and have a riot at the time and place notified to the press.

This news cheered delegates and reporters alike. It was to coincide with the debate on racism. I mentioned this to Mr Ashdown and his eyes took on a dreamy look as, perhaps, he pictured himself wading into the racist thugs and crying "Avaunt!" as the cameras whirred.

... But no. No BNP, no ANL, no riot: just a short, shallow debate during which I caught the delegate next to me totally immersed in a magazine called *Asthma News*. There was an article about pollen-free gardens ("high on colour, low on pollen ... just say 'No' to pets!"). The speaker was saying: "There is a danger that this debate will be hijacked by racist sensationalism." The *Asthma News* lady looked up hopefully, but no such luck.

During lunch Ashdown had toured the exhibition hall, hovering at the Disability stand and asking interested questions, while scores of photographers, reporters and hangers-on crowded round. In the middle of all this, the stall's phone rang. Never slow to spot an opportunity to demonstrate his "hands-on" approach, Mr Ashdown picked it up.

I have it on good authority that the caller had planned to greet the person he supposed he was calling with a shriek of "Hello, you old tart — how are you?" Some sixth-sense saved him.

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THE TIMES DEGREE VACANCIES SERVICE: ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

How the Vacancies Service works

As clearing enters its final week, a clear pattern is emerging, especially among engineering and technology courses, which are the subject of today's listings. The traditional universities are gradually filling their vacancies, although opportunities still remain for those with the right qualifications.

Reading University has withdrawn the last of its courses, and Cranfield University's Shrivenham campus is also full. Among the former polytechnics, however, more courses are still entering the clearing process. Westminster, Portsmouth and Middlesex universities all have new entries, some of which had previously been removed from clearing. The subjects include business information technology, civil engineering, electronics and software engineering.

All the courses listed on this page still had vacancies yesterday. The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry.

Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one point.

● The *Times* listings are compiled from universities' own returns. Not all institutions are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only. Clearing finishes on Friday, so tomorrow we will feature arts and social sciences for the last time.

UCCA

AERONAUTICAL ENG
City: H420 (16), H412 (24), H400 (18)
Glasgow: H400 (14) HHK5 (14), HHL5 (14)
Manchester: H400 (22), H401 (22), H420 (22)
Salford: H400 (12)

AGRICULTURAL ENG
Cranfield (Silsoe): H330
Newcastle: H330 (12)

BUILDING
Bath: K224
Liverpool: K240
London, UC: K200 (12)
Reading: K220, (14)
Strathclyde: K220 (18)
Ulster: K200 (14), K202 (12)

CERAMICS
Leeds: J300 (12)

CHEMICAL ENG
Bath: H800 (20)
Bradford: H890, H893, H894, H800, H891, H892, H803
Exeter: H640
Leeds: H800 (18), H862 (12), H8F9 (18), H850 (12)
London, UC: H870 (20), H800 (20), H807 (20), H880 (20), H814 (20), H871 (20), H875 (20)
Newcastle: H800 (18), H801 (18)

CIVIL ENGINEERING
Bath: H201 (16)
Bradford: H291 (10), H223 (4)
City: H200 (12), H209 (20), H206 (12)
Dundee: H200 (12), HK22 (12), HN21 (12)
Exeter: H201
Glasgow: H200 (12), H2F6 (12)
London, UC: H200 (22), H201 (18)
Manchester: H200 (18), H201 (18), H210 (18)
Salford: H200 (10), H2T2 (10)
Strathclyde: H2T2 (18), H200 (18)
Ulster: H200 (18)
UMIST: H201 (16), H220 (16), H225 (16), H2N8 (16)

ELECTRICAL ELECTRONIC ENG
Bath: H580 (16), H620 (16), HH56 (16)
Birmingham: HH56 (20)
Bradford: HHM6 (10), H695 (12), H696 (10), HH56 (12), H690 (12), H694, H605 (12), H606 (12), H691 (22), H692 (22), H693 (22), HH59 (12)
Brunel: HH56 (14), H617 (14), HH5P (14), HH5Q (14), HHM6 (14), HH6N (14), HH6M (14)
City: H6H5 (12), H6HN (20), HH56 (8), H610 (12)
Dundee: HH56 (6)
Exeter: HH56
Glasgow: GH5P (14), FH36 (14), H616 (14), H6F3 (14), HH56 (14)
Hull: H694 (10), H611 (10), H621 (12), H631 (12), H651 (12), H6F5 (12), HH36 (12)
Keele: CH46 (12), GH16 (12), FH65 (12), CH76 (12), FH16 (12), FH36 (12), HN61 (12), GH56 (12)
Kent: H605 (4), H600 (8)
Leeds: H600 (12), H6H5 (12)
Leicester: H580
London, Kings: HH36 (18), HH56 (18), HH57 (18), HH65 (18), H602 (18)
Newcastle: HH56 (8), HHM6 (8), H600 (8), H601 (8)
Nottingham: HH56, H6R2, H6R4, H6R8, H600, H6RC, H6RF, H6RK, H6RV
Manchester: HH56 (8), HHNP (8), HH5M (8), H580 (8), HHM6 (20) H600 (8), H604 (8), H602 (8), H601 (8), H611 (8), H605 (8), H603 (8), H606 (8), HH35 (18), H7N1 (18)
Salford: HH56 (8), H620 (8), H671 (14), H600 (8), H610 (8), H6N1
Strathclyde: HH53 (22), HH56 (16), HH5P (16), HH5Q (16), HH65 (16), HH6M (16)
UMIST: H6R1 (18), HH36 (18)
UEA: H602 (12), H608 (10), H6N1 (12), H605 (20)
Wales, Cardiff: HH56 (14), H602

ELECTRONICS
Birmingham: H601 (16)
Dundee: FH36 (6), GHC6 (12), GHM6 (12), H616 (6), H6N1 (6), HF63 (6), HH56 (6)
Essex: H600 (12), H601 (12), H605 (22), H630 (8)
London, King's: H602 (18), H610 (18), H611 (18), H621 (18), HH36 (18)
Newcastle: H617 (8), H616 (8)
UMIST: H635 (18)
Ulster: H616 (14), F245 (12), F240 (14)

ENGINEERING
City: Y636 (14)
Dundee: H200 (12), H300 (6), H616 (6), H6N1 (6), HK22 (12), HN21 (12), HN71 (6)
Exeter: J120, J100, F605
Leeds: H850 (12), H862 (12), HH36 (18)
Leicester: H106 (12), H101 (8), H100
Loughborough: F380
London, Imperial: JF52 (14), JF5F (18)
London, UC: H130
Manchester: H2K1 (18), H2KC (18), J940 (18), J941 (18)
Salford: H6B8 (8)
Strathclyde: H1N1 (18)
Reading: H100 (14), H101 (10)
UMIST: H101 (18)
Ulster: H110

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
Brunel: H144, H145
Cranfield (Silsoe): H355
Hull: H694 (10)
Leeds: H8F9 (18), H8FX (12), J1F9 (14)
London, Imperial: H255
Newcastle: H255 (12)
Strathclyde: J972 (18)

ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS STUDIES
Bradford: H893, H605 (10), H392 (12)
Dundee: HN71 (6), HN21 (12), H6N1 (6)

GENERAL ENGINEERING
Durham: H100
Exeter: H103
Leicester: H100 (12)
UMIST: H101 (18)

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Hull: G560, G530, GH56
Kent: H610 (8)
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Salford: G5N1 (14), G5R1 (14), G5R2 (14), G5T4 (14)
UMIST: G560 (16)

MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING
Bradford: H705 (8)
Brunel: H780 (14), H7R1 (14), H7R2 (14), H7N1 (14)
Dundee: HN71 (6)
Hull: H764 (10)
Leeds: H780 (18)
London, King's: H710 (18)
Loughborough: H780
Manchester: H402 (22), H7N1 (18)
Salford: H700 (8)
Strathclyde: H780 (20), H1N9 (16)
UMIST: H7N1 (24), H716 (20)
Ulster: H780 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: H716 (14)

MARINE ENGINEERING
Glasgow: HJ36 (10)
London, UC: HJ36 (20), J645 (18)
Strathclyde: J610 (20), J600 (20)

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Brunel: J520/J525, J5N1/J5NC, J200/J205
Leeds: J500 (12)
London, Imperial: JF52 (14), JF5F (18)
Manchester: J220 (12)
UMIST: J220 (12), J2B9 (12), J560 (16), J5N1 (16), J5R2 (16), J5R1 (16), J5H6 (18)

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Bradford: H300 (8), H392 (8), H390 (8-12), HH7J (10), HH73 (10), H393 (12), H705 (16), H706 (16), H303 (4)
City: H300 (12), H390 (24)
Dundee: H300 (6)
Exeter: H301
Glasgow: H300 (12), HH37 (12), HH36 (12)
Leeds: H3N1 (18), H300 (18)
Leicester: H300 (12)
London, UC: H300 (20), H340 (18), H301 (20)
Loughborough: H300
Manchester: H300 (18), H301 (18), H302 (18), HH35 (18)
Salford: H300 (8)
Strathclyde: HH53 (22), H300 (18), H3H6 (18), H3J9 (18), H3J2 (18), H3H4 (18), H716 (20), H301 (20)
UMIST: HJ35 (18), H300 (18)
Wales, Cardiff: H700 (14)

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Leeds: J200 (12)
Manchester: J200 (12)
Strathclyde: J200 (18)
UMIST: J200 (12)

MINERALS
Leeds: J120 (12), J122 (4)
London, Imperial: J255 (20)

MINING
Exeter: J100
Leeds: J100 (12)
London, Imperial: J100 (14)
Nottingham: J100

PETROLEUM ENGINEERING
London, Imperial: J171 (20)

POLYMERS
Manchester: J447 (12)
UMIST: J447 (12)

SURVEYING: QUANTITY
Bath: K280 (16)
Ulster: K280 (18)

TECHNOLOGIES
Brunel: NJ19, NJ1X, NJ1Y
Essex: F3N1 (8)
Glasgow: H111 (8)

TEXTILES
Leeds: NJ14 (14), J460 (12), J446 (12), WJ24 (16)
UMIST: J4N1 (16), J4ND (16), J4T9 (16), J4NC (16), J4N9 (16), JJ49 (16), J4TX (16)

PCAS

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Coventry: H400
Hertfordshire: H400, H408, H430, H438
Humberside: H400, H620
Kingston: H400
NE Wales Inst: H400 (2), H420 (2)
Univ of W England: H420

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
Westminster: G590

BUILDING/CONSTRUCTION
Buckinghamshire: K299
Central Lancashire: K201, K260
Coventry: H260, H2T2
De Montfort: K214 (10)
De Montfort (MK): K100 (14)
Dundee Inst: K250 (4)
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Glasgow Caledonian: K290
Greenwich: KN21
Hertfordshire: KN2C
Luton: Y400, K201
Middlesex: KN21, KN28
Nene Coll: K200
Nottingham Trent: K200
Oxford Brookes: K200
Plymouth: K100
Robert Gordon: K100
Sheffield Hallam: K472
Southampton Inst: K252, K258
South Bank: K252, K258, K202, K2H7
Univ of W England: K200, K252
Westminster: K236, K200, K472
Wolverhampton: KN28

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Coventry: K2T2
Hertfordshire: K240, K248
South Bank: K240

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Buckinghamshire: G562
Central Lancs: GN51
Cheltenham & Gloucester: M9G5
De Montfort: G561
Greenwich: G932
Guildhall: Y400
Kingston: G562
Lancashire: G561
London, Guildhall: Y400
Luton: Y400
N London: Y100, G5N1
Portsmouth: G562, NG49
Southampton Inst: G562, G568
Staffordshire: G562
Teesside: G562
Westminster: N110

CERAMICS
Staffordshire: FJ13, FJ33, FJ36, HJ36, J320, JG34, JG35

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
Glamorgan: H800
Huddersfield: F1H8
South Bank: H800, H808
Teesside: H800

CIVIL ENGINEERING
Brighton: H200 (12)
Coventry: H260, H2T2, H208
Dundee Inst: H200 (10)
Glamorgan: H200, H201
Glasgow Caledonian: H200
Greenwich: H200
Hertfordshire: H200, H208
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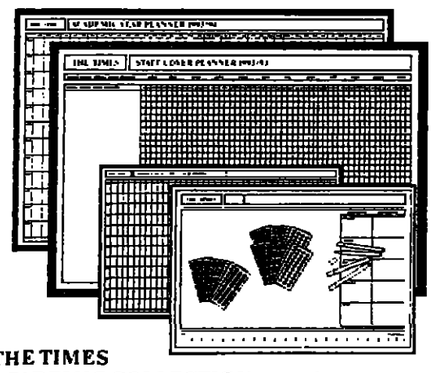
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A priest picking his way through tractors blocking a street yesterday in Arras, northern France, as farmers protested against European agricultural policy and a world trade deal. The French government has broken ranks with the rest of the Community on a transatlantic accord

France digs in against hostile world

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

As French ministers did battle in Brussels yesterday and farmers again blocked the traffic at home, Helmut Kohl took time off from a private visit to Paris to drop in on his "old friend" François Mitterrand. A few years ago, the two big continental leaders would have smoothed swiftly the frictions that have set France against its partners over farm trade. Yesterday, they looked more like two old men consoling each other from the sidelines over events that had got out of hand.

M Mitterrand, nearing the end of his term, has assumed the role of constitutional monarch since the Gaullist-led team took over the government in April. Under the serene stewardship of Edouard Balladur, France has succumbed to a long-brewing bout of nationalism that has less to do with farm trade than fear over the health of its soul. On his side of the Rhine, Herr Kohl faces elections and forces that cramp his fondness for compromise in the interest of the old European ideal.

Whatever the outcome of the Brussels showdown, the French public and political classes are using the occasion for an exercise in defensiveness that is bred by a deep sense of loss. Near panic over the relentless rise in unemployment is the main fuel and the main symptom is the surge of emotion in favour of the farmers.

Yesterday was the first anniversary of the Maastricht referendum which marked France's turn from the belief that it was destined to lead a Europe forged in its image. Opinion polls showed that only 38 per cent believed that the Europe envisaged by Maastricht would ever come about and 54 per cent said they would now vote against the treaty. Nearly 60 per cent believed France should trigger a crisis in the Community rather than accept the terms of Blair House, the US-EC farm accord which, Gallicised to the ugly sound "Blerooze", has become a synonym for foreign treachery.

Underlying the shift is the sense that France has been betrayed by Bonn. "France has been let down by Germany," the reporter on the TF1 television news said yesterday, reinforcing the consensus that Gaul is standing alone against an ungrateful and hostile world.

Liberation, however, warned against the pleasures of the game of "France versus the Rest of the World". The sacrifices being demanded of France in the farm negotiation were tiny, it said, compared with the gains to be had in reaching a global Gatt agreement. That would come as astonishing news to anyone who has only listened to the main chorus of the political and media world.

Hurd threatens sabotage of EC over Gatt dispute



France appears set on derailing the international trade talks. Britain's foreign secretary's has warned that such action would also derail EC accords, writes ***George Brock*** *in Brussels*

DOUGLAS Hurd last night stengthened Britain's threat to paralyse the European Community if France wrecks the current round of world trade talks by unpicking a transatlantic farm deal.

Wielding a threat Britain has never before made to its EC partners, the foreign secretary told a meeting of 40 Community ministers that any collapse of the global trade talks would be followed by British sabotage of EC business. If negotiations fell through on the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) treaty, Mr Hurd said, "I cannot conceive how the EC could continue with the normal transaction of business if it was seen as having caused the collapse of the Uruguay Round. It's not the case that in causing a crisis in Gatt we could avoid an internal EC crisis. One will inevitably lead to the other."

British officials explained that Mr Hurd clearly meant to threaten a British boycott of at least some EC business if France derailed the trade talks in Geneva. "There might not be a consensus reached on a number of subjects," one said, hinting that Britain might either leave an "empty chair" at EC meetings or act, alone or with other states, as a blocking minority. De Gaulle disrupted the workings of the EC for six months in 1965 when he withdrew French ministers from all Community meetings after a deadlock over the EC budget.

Such countries as Denmark and The Netherlands share Britain's hardline views on Gatt but are unlikely to repeat Britain's threat, which has now been made by John Major as well as Mr Hurd. Other states are taking the threat less seriously. "Are you kidding?" said one French source. "Community business would run better without Britain holding everything up all the time!"

A British official hinted that Britain would not be alone in being "shocked" if Gatt were to be torpedoed by France. "There would be areas of EC business which could not proceed as if nothing had happened. There could be actions by one member state; it could be by several." He admitted that no specific subjects had been chosen for disruption and that no other governments had agreed to support Britain.

With the fate of the world trade talks still in the balance, Community ministers were yesterday struggling to narrow the differences between France and her partners over a controversial transatlantic farm deal to reduce farm subsidies. The early part of the meeting, which was expected to last well into the night, revealed no softening of France's demand that EC negotiators should reopen the EC-US Blair House agreement of 1992.

Alain Juppé, the French foreign minister, told the 40-minister meeting that France had "no wish to paralyse" the world trade talks in Geneva but that assurances given about the deal to reduce farm subsidies had been undermined by changed circumstances.

M Juppé rejected claims by the European Commission, which negotiates trade question for the 12 EC governments, that Blair House fitted within subsidy reductions already agreed by EC governments when they reorganised the common agricultural policy last year. He said that the meeting should give the EC's chief trade negotiator, Sir Leon Brittan, a new mandate to reopen talks on Blair House with the Americans.

Mr Hurd said on his way into the meeting that all EC governments understood that France had a serious political problem. He later told the meeting that it might be possible to negotiate "additional clarifications, additional interpretations" to Blair House but there could be no reopening of the existing text.

Brussels: The Blair House agreement, named after the Washington building in which it was signed, was reached in November 1992 by EC and American negotiators after two years of talks on shrinking farm subsidies (George Brock writes). The two agreed there to:

- ☐ **Cut subsidised farm exports by 21 per cent in volume by 2000.**
- ☐ **Cut internal farm subsidies by 20 per cent.**
- ☐ **Allow unrestricted compensation to farmers taking land out of production.**
- ☐ **No legal challenges to farm subsidy regimes during the six-year agreement.**
- ☐ **Give minimum market access to farm imports and lower food tariffs.**

In Canberra yesterday Gareth Evans, the Australoan foreign minister, warned France that attempts to veto an agricultural accord between America and the EC threatened a wider world trade pact. He called on *France to temper its hostility* to Blair House.

"It would be very serious if the Blair House agreement were to be unravelled as a result of this or any forthcoming meeting in Europe," he said, adding: "We just hope very much that the French in particular do understand that this is not a time for narrowly focused self-interest."

As an indication of the strength of feeling in France, farmers protesting against the EC-US farm deal yesterday walled up the Paris office of the European Commission *and demonstrated throughout* the country to put pressure on the ministers meeting in Brussels.

A worker at the office, near the French National Assembly, said protesters were walling up the door with bricks and she was not sure when the staff of more than 75 could leave. The farmers said they wanted to point the finger at those they thought were to blame for the farm trade agreement, but did not intend to take the Commission staff hostage. "The aim is not to lock them up," a spokesman for the protesters said. "They can leave through the back door — I hope there is one."

The mainstream Farm Unions Federation, which organised the protest, called on members to blockade peacefully at the offices of prefects (central government representatives) throughout the country. Protesters staged demonstrations across the country against the agreement to cut the volume of subsidised EC farm exports by 21 per cent in six years while boosting farm imports.

The farmers fear the farm deal will drive them off the land, increasing an exodus that has reduced France's farming population from five million in 1950 to barely a quarter of that now.

Most of the protests were peaceful but some farmers briefly cut the main north-south railway line near Valence in the southeast and *disrupted rail traffic near Pau* in the southwest. In several French towns farmers met the local prefect to air their grievances, sometimes driving to his office in convoys of tractors for a peaceful picnic.

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Ex-KGB agents ply trade in weapons

In the second of two articles on the secret arms trade, ***Michael Evans*** *reports on former intelligence officers tricking the unwary out of millions*

FORMER KGB agents are among a new breed of con men acting as middlemen for Third World countries trying to buy components to build clandestine nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. The former agents have cheated *gullible customers* out of millions of dollars.

Western intelligence services have spent months tracking down reports that bomb-grade nuclear fuel and tactical nuclear warheads have been smuggled out of Russia and sold. Much publicity was given to claims last year that at least three Russian tactical warheads had been acquired by the Iranians.

All the reports have proved to be false. Intelligence services have shown that so far the black market sales turned out to be the work of former KGB agents who have used their know-how and plausibility to con potential customers.

Although President Rafsanjani of Iran has denied his country is involved in a nuclear weapons programme, the Iranians are among the victims of the new conmen.

Some of their con tricks have caused amazement. The red mercury scam was their biggest money-earner. The entrepeneurs spread the word that they had for sale a secret nuclear fuel called red mercury. So convincing was their pitch that Western intelligence officers, posing as potential buyers, acquired samples for testing. Red mercury proved to be exactly that — mercury mixed with red dye.

Many customers were persuaded to hand over huge sums of money before the scam was exposed. At one stage the Palestine Liberation Organisation was involved, sources said. Representatives were sent with $3 million to buy 2lb of red mercury.

The same tricksters are still in business. Several arrests have been made in the past two years by Austrian police, who have watched car boot sales in Vienna involving the exchange of so-called highly-enriched "bomb-grade" uranium for large amounts of cash. *Phials of plutonium* have also been left in luggage lockers in secret deals.

In each case the uranium turned out to be low grade uranium dioxide fuel pellets, probably removed from a Russian nuclear power plant or a laboratory. The plutonium was also in such minute quantities that it would have been of no practical use.



Rafsanjani: denies Iran has a nuclear arms plan

Now the con merchants have switched to peddling "strategic" materials for nuclear bombs. They have two favourites: osmium and scandium. Former KGB agents have been promoting osmium, a hard bluish-white metal used for pen nibs, as special "Russian osmium", supposedly ideal for making nuclear bombs. The Iranians are known to have shown interest. Scandium, which is like aluminium, has no strategic value but has proved popular on the black market when sold by the former KGB men as "Russian scandium".

The conmen have flourished because those regimes which are intent on acquiring or building weapons of mass destruction have found it increasingly difficult to acquire components on the open market, particularly in Western Europe, where potential suppliers are being closely monitored by the intelligence services. So far, Western intelligence services are satisfied with Russia's assurances that all their systems, including chemical and atomic mines, tactical warheads and bombs, can be accounted for and are secure in well guarded storage facilities. Western nuclear experts have been allowed to visit the sites.

However, there is concern that some of the 7,000 to 10,000 nuclear scientists and engineers in Russian laboratories with no work and limited pay may be headhunted by countries such as Iran, offering huge salaries. Iran is up to 10 years away from building a nuclear bomb but Western experts acknowledge that a handful of nuclear scientists from Russia could make all the difference.

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Eastern democracy rekindles passion for communism



Iliescu: career survived the taint of Ceausescu

By Eve-Ann Prentice
Diplomatic Correspondent

■ Anxiety and disillusionment with capitalism have made East Europeans receptive to the return of former communist rulers. However, there is no prospect of centralised economics being revived

WHEN sledge-hammers and bare hands brought down the Berlin Wall four years ago, the West rejoiced: communism had been brought to its knees. The *coup de grâce* came soon after with the fall of the Soviet Union.

Since then a new spectre has arisen to haunt Europe, a revival of former communist parties, albeit in democratic clothing.

Lithuania has elected a government of former communists; Romania has as its president, Ion Iliescu, who was minister for ideology under the Ceausescu dictatorship; the judges who jailed former East German officials have been booed from the public gallery; there have been pro-communist demonstrations in Bulgaria; and socialists have made big gains in local elections in Albania, now Poland, the first Warsaw Pact domino to topple, has voted for a government dominated by former communists.

Algirdas Brazauskas, former first secretary of Lithuania's Communist Party is now the country's president, after his Democratic Labour Party (the communists under another name) won elections last October. This shock came barely three months after Albania's Socialist Party won local elections.

In Bulgaria last April, riot police clashed with communist demonstrators who tried to stop demolition work on a monument in Sofia to the former Soviet Red Army. The protesters, chanting "capitalist scum", touched a sensitive nerve, especially among the older population, who are keen to preserve the Red Army's role as Bulgaria's liberator from the Nazis during the second world war. Bulgaria had the highest proportion of Communist Party members — one in six adults — of any Warsaw Pact country under the government of Todor Zhivkov, who was overthrown in 1989. Many have since joined the Bulgarian Socialist Party.

In Romania, hundreds of people gathered at the grave of Nicolae Ceausescu, the executed dictator, in January. They came not to bury his memory, but to praise him and place a new headstone on what would have been his seventy-fifth birthday.



In Berlin, last week, catcalls and cries of "shame" greeted the jailing of Heinz Kessler, the former East German defence minister, and two other communist-era officials. The three were convicted of "inspiring" border guards to shoot at people trying to escape over the Berlin Wall.

The apparent resurgence of communism can be partly explained by a yearning for past certainties — secure jobs, housing, health care — under the old centralised economies. The moves towards market economies, fastest in Poland, Hungary, the Czechlands and Slovakia, have been painful.

The swing to the left is also partly a reaction to fear of a fascist revival. Memories of Nazism have never dimmed in Eastern Europe, and they have been sharpened by recent racist attacks in Germany.

Norman Reddaway, former British ambassador to Poland, believes many people have been disillusioned by their experiences under capitalism. "Some disgusting people have become rich," he said. Mr Reddaway, who maintains close business and cultural ties with Eastern Europe and parts of the former Soviet Union, added: "All the Eastern bloc had the experience of centralised economies and this had certain advantages and disadvantages. The major disadvantage was that they went bankrupt. Since then, they have made a splendid effort to get market economies going and to a large extent have been successful.

"On the other hand, they do suffer from uncertainties — like not having guaranteed jobs. Before, you could walk down the street and be sure you would not be mugged. Everyone was more or less in the same boat."

Dr Margot Light, lecturer in international relations at the London School of Economics, said yesterday: "I am more worried about the rise of the extreme right than in the left in Eastern Europe. Unrealistic hopes were placed in the speed with which market reforms could take effect."

However, although the West may be shaken by the signs of a return to socialism, there is next to no chance that any country will revert to centralised economics. A swing back to socialism is most likely to express itself in a slowing down of reforms and to links with Western organisations like Nato and the European Community.

Failing Bosnia talks move to British aircraft carrier

By Eve-Ann Prentice and Joel Brand in Sarajevo

LEADERS of Bosnia's three warring sides met peace negotiators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg aboard the British aircraft carrier, HMS *Invincible*, in the Adriatic yesterday, as hopes dwindled that they could be persuaded to sign a peace deal in Sarajevo today creating a new "union" of Croat, Serb and Muslim republics in a loose confederal system.

Although Lord Owen and Mr Stoltenberg seemed confident last week that the peace package could be signed today, the gap between the protagonists has widened since the weekend and there is little the negotiators can do if the deadline is ignored.

The unexpected talks at sea appeared aimed at resolving the biggest obstacle to a settlement — access to the sea for the landlocked, Muslim-dominated central Bosnian mini-state that would be created under the plan.

Bosnian Muslims and Serbs declared yesterday they were unwilling to give ground, and fighting intensified in and around the southern city of Mostar. Muslim forces, besieged in Mostar, launched a three-pronged attack on Monday on Croat fighters surrounding them, according to a Bosnian Croat spokeswoman.

The talks aboard *Invincible* were attended by President Tudjman of Croatia, President Izetbegovic of Bosnia and an unidentified representative of the Bosnian Serbs. This was believed to be Momcilo Krajisnik, the powerful parliament Speaker, who negotiated with Mr Izetbegovic last week in Geneva. Radovan Karadzic, The Bosnian Serb leader, was also thought to be aboard.

Mr Izetbegovic has said he doubted there was enough time to iron out remaining disputes before today's deadline and Dr Karadzic made clear that his men — who hold about 70 per cent of Bosnia now, and would get 52 per cent under the accord — would keep the peace only if sanctions against Serbia are lifted.

Bosnian government forces continued to push on the northern and southern ends of a 120-mile frontline running through central Bosnia, which they need to control to get supplies through to Sarajevo in the winter. The Muslim forces made "significant gains" of about seven miles north of Mostar, Lieutenant Colonel Bill Aikman, the United Nations spokesman, said in Sarajevo.

Belgrade: Vuk Draskovic, leader of the opposition Serbian Renewal Movement, who is still recovering from a police beating three months ago, during a demonstration against President Milosevic, will arrive in London tomorrow night for a week-long official visit. He will meet Douglas Hogg, a Foreign Office minister, on Thursday (Dessa Trevisan and Eve-Ann Prentice write).

Mr Draskovic said: "I would like to see whether the Conservative or Labour party would win an election in which it has no access to television, no money, no premises."

Lord Owen, meanwhile, has said he will go to Sarajevo today only if he thinks the parties will sign a peace agreement. But Dr Karadzic repeated that his side would cede no more territory. "If the Muslim side insists on more land, then the package will not be signed," he told the Belgrade daily, *Borba*. "The Serbs can make no more concessions." But he added: "We can swap some small areas valuable to the Muslims for some of value to us."

After 18 months under withering siege, most Sarajevo residents are eager to embrace any peace initiative offered to them, with little regard for their future. But few show even a hint of optimism that today's scheduled peace negotiations stand any more chance of ending the war than the scores that have passed previously.

"I am a pessimist", explained Sead, a 33-year-old former teacher. "I am afraid nothing will happen. How many of these papers will they sign?" he said with a shrug.

The horrors of another winter under siege are at the forefront of everyone's mind in Sarajevo and there is growing anxiety that life will never recover. The high rate of crime and poverty will probably continue into peace time, perhaps even worsening.

Fighting intensified in Mostar at dawn yesterday and the Muslim-controlled Bosnian radio said Muslim and Croat troops were clashing in the streets. Explosions could be heard in southern parts of the city, where 55,000 Muslims are trapped. Croats want it as the capital of their newly proclaimed republic of Herceg Bosna. Mortar and small-arms fire had been reported throughout the night.

Croat fighters in the central town of Vitez said they would not surrender as they dug in for a new attack by the Muslims.

The UN appears to be happy to hand over to Nato full control and the cost of peacekeeping operations in Bosnia, according to a report in *The New York Times*. The report said that Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, would deliver that message to Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State.

☐ **Belgrade:** Soaring inflation and devaluation of the national currency, the dinar, has forced the Yugoslav treasury to issue a new, 10-billion-dinar note, the Tanjug news agency reported yesterday. The new note, expected to be in circulation this week, is worth just $6 (£4). *(AP)*.



Hanna Suchocka, the Polish prime minister, talking to journalists in Warsaw after it became clear that the Democratic Union was in third place

Polish leaders cast doubt on entry to Nato

From Adam LeBor in Warsaw

WITH the Democatic Left Alliance (SLD), formerly the Communists, looking set to take political power in Poland yesterday, its chairman undertook to slow down the pace of economic reform, casting doubt over the country's desire to join Nato and the SLD's commitment to reducing the budget deficit.

"People are very critical of social and economic policy and they want a change," Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz, the SLD chairman, said. "Thirty-nine per cent of families are living below the poverty line, according to official statistics. They don't accept the idea of very fast, ideologically motivated privatisation. They don't oppose reforms, but they are critical of their practical effects."

Preliminary results give the SLD about a third of seats in the Sejm (parliament), the Communist-associated Polish Peasants' Party 27 per cent, and the Democratic Union of Hanna Suchocka, the outgoing prime minister, 15 per cent. The left-wing Labour Union, founded by former Solidarity activists, won about 10 per cent of seats.

But Aleksander Kwasniewski, the SLD's sophisticated young leader who was groomed by Poland's last Communist government — in which he was a former minister — as the acceptable face of Marxism, was quick to make all the right reassuring noises to the international community. "This stereotype of the SLD as Communists is wrong. Our programme is social-democratic," he said. "We support good relations with the International Monetary Fund and economic stability. We need foreign investment and we know that without it we cannot solve our social problems. Western investors will see that we are good partners."

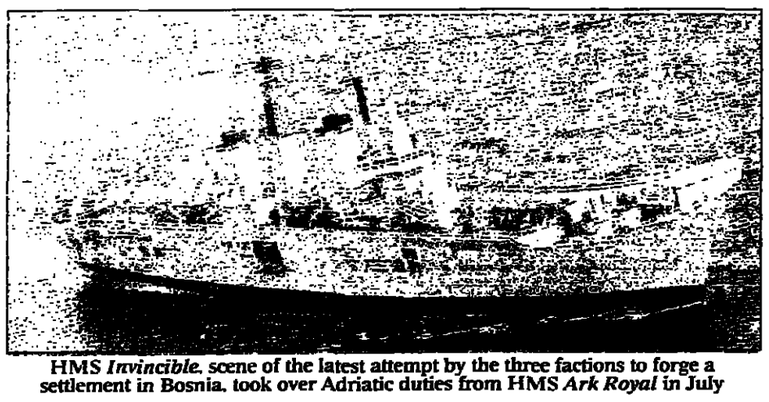
An SLD spokesman said the party had issued invitations on coalition talks to the Peasants' Party and the Democratic Union. Even if the SLD's left-wing stance is tempered by the inclusion of the Democratic Union in government, its election victory is likely to be received with concern in Western capitals, especially over its lack of enthusiasm for Nato membership.

"There was never any debate on Poland's future security possibilities or about Nato membership and its implications," Mr Cimoszewicz said. "We don't say no, but we believe it would be wise to explore other possibilities."

The election result was a shattering defeat for candidates of the Solidarity trade union, which appears not to have crossed the 5 per cent threshold for seats in the Sejm. Not only has Solidarity failed to achieve election, but Poland's voters have probably returned to power, albeit within a coalition, the direct heirs of the hated Communists against whom Solidarity battled for years.

President Walesa said he would make no comment on the voting until official results were released later this week. At the weekend, however, he made known that he would work with a left-wing prime minister if that was the people's choice.

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HMS *Invincible*, scene of the latest attempt by the three factions to forge a settlement in Bosnia, took over Adriatic duties from HMS *Ark Royal* in July

German far right polishes image

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

GERMANY'S neo-Nazis are no longer the shaven-headed rabble that only a year ago spent most of their time pogo-dancing to the music of *Final Victory*, swigging beer and waving baseball bats at foreigners; they are swiftly becoming a sophisticated political force, communicating through computer mailboxes, employing "image consultants" — and winning votes.

The rise of the right became all too clear at the weekend in the Hamburg state elections when the main parties lost hundreds of thousands of votes. A protest party, vaguely Christian Democrat, picked up some defectors; the Greens gained even more, doubling their vote. Yet it is the far right that has made the largest gain. It did not win any seats in the state parliament but, between the two parties — the German People's Union and the Republicans — gained almost 8 per cent of the vote.

Significantly these were not protest votes; the far right now has a stable base and a growing constituency. If it can attract so much support in left-leaning Hamburg, how much stronger are its chances in the many state elections in east Germany next year and at local council level, even in the European elections?

The question of how to deal with the far right as it develops a more orthodox party structure has become a pressing one for the mainstream parties of Europe. The root cause is obvious: immigration, always an issue in crowded cities, has become a potent factor. Asylum centres are being set up everywhere.

The German People's Union won some votes in Hamburg thanks to television advertising that bordered on the overtly racist: asylum-seekers shouting for help in broken German, running through the jungle with Tarzan on their heels.

Germany's Christian Democrats have been shadowing the line taken by the French centre-right government. Like the French, Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, is setting up joint committees to combat racism. The latest was announced yesterday. It will try to calm the volatile relations between Turks and Germans. Like the French, too, Herr Kohl has installed a hardline interior minister who will crack down both on neo-Nazis — one party was banned last week — and on illegal immigration. At the outset of the Hamburg election campaign police visited building sites and arrested scores of illegal East European workers. The climate has become very harsh for any illegal workers. Filippinos, the mainstay of Germany's domestic servant population, are being encouraged to denounce each other.

The risks are clear: centre-right governments, to protect their nationalist flank, are adopting tougher immigration policies and flexing their muscles. The Christian Democrats and their Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, have thus become catch-all parties of the right. Their leaders say they will have nothing to do with the Republicans, but at grass-roots level, at local party meetings, the views expressed are often as rabid as those of the Republicans. Stealing the clothes of the far right is a dangerous business.

Drug trial opens in Madrid

Madrid: Spain's largest drug trafficking trial started in a converted auditorium here yesterday (Edward Owen writes). The 47 in the dock are accused of being members of a Galician drugs mafia that imported tons of hashish and cocaine for sale in Europe.

Much of the prosecution case depends on testimony from a "supergrass", Ricardo Portabies, 37, who received death threats in prison.

Leaders' regret

Islamabad: A judge, accepting unconditional apologies from Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif, withdrew contempt notices, freeing the former prime ministers to contest October elections. *(AFP)*

Election rerun

Oslo: Voters in Oslo may have to go to the polls again after a computer failure in last week's general election. However, any rerun is unlikely to affect the Labour Party's grip on power. *(Reuter)*

Burmese held

Mae Sot: Soldiers injured at least seven people and detaining 27, breaking up a rally in Mandalay in protest against the fifth anniversary of the military coup. *(Reuter)*

Unfair cop

Seoul: South Korea's two top policemen have resigned amid allegations that they amassed their multi-million-dollar fortunes through land speculation and corruption. *(AFP)*

Italian left tainted by arrest of officials

From John Phillips in Rome

LEADERS of the former communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) struggled yesterday to remain outside the Italian corruption scandal after two senior officials were arrested on charges of breaking party finance laws and police raided their Palazzo Rosso headquarters in Rome.

Milan magistrates from the Operation Clean Hands team were questioning Marco Fredda, the party official who administers the PDS's considerable property interests, at San Vittore prison in Milan. He was arrested on Saturday. Investigators are checking allegations by Marcellino Gavio, an industrialist, and Bruno Binasco, one of his managers, that their company, Itinera, made a secret payment of 400 million lire (£150,000) to the party in 1991.

Primo Greganti, a former Turin branch treasurer of the old Italian Communist Party, surrendered on Sunday after an arrest warrant was issued for him on charges of breaking party financing laws in connection with the allegations. Signor Greganti also was taken to San Vittore, where he had spent three months under suspicion of administering a Swiss bank account allegedly used by the Communist party for illicit funds.

Carabinieri searched the office of Signor Fredda at the PDS's headquarters on Sunday. It was the first time that the police had searched the hallowed Palazzo Rosso since the Communists bought it.

The affair is likely to influence the fortunes of the party in a general election expected to be held next year. Achille Occhetto, the party leader, had hopes of winning since the former Communists, until now, were the only party not embroiled in the scandal.

Davide Visani, a party spokesman, on Sunday denied the party took bribes but admitted it had evaded taxes in a property transaction with Signor Binasco that eventually fell through. "We affirm we are totally extraneous to *Tangentopoli* (Bribe City). But we made an error and we apologise. We avoided taxes, like so many people in Italy."

Potential allies said they would not support the former Communists at the elections if the allegations were proven. Mario Segni, the electoral reform crusader and former Christian Democrat MP, said "the conditions are not right. The PDS has not yet broken with the past." Mino Martinazzoli, the Christian Democrat leader, urged Signor Occhetto to "explain to us where his party obtained its resources".

Monarchists hoist standard for Savoy family's return from exile

By John Phillips

THE prospect has been raised of a return to Italy by descendants of the late King Umberto after thousands of monarchists and a cabinet minister attended the unveiling of a bronze bust of the monarch.

"Not even one political party opposes the return of the Savoys to Italy," Raffaele Costa, the transport minister, told Princess Marina Doria, wife of the late king's son, Vittorio Emanuele. The bust of Umberto, who died in 1983, was unveiled in the square of Racconigi on Sunday.

Militant monarchists briefly hoisted above the town hall the same tricolour flag bearing the House of Savoy arms that was taken down from the Quirinal palace in Rome on June 13, 1946, when Umberto went into exile in Portugal after a referendum to abolish the monarchy, because of its links with Mussolini.

Under the postwar republican constitution Vittorio Emanuele, who lives in Switzerland, is forbidden to return to Italy. Monarchist hopes that this could be revoked, and that Umberto's remains might be buried at the Pantheon in Rome, have risen since President Scalfaro shook hands with Vittorio Emanuele at the funeral of King Baudouin of Belgium this summer.

Organisers claimed that 10,000 people attended the Racconigi ceremony. Police said there were "a few thousand". Mario Borghezio, an MP from the devolutionist Northern League, called on President Scalfaro "to stop mistreating the Savoys". The league has flirted with monarchist ideas, perhaps to win votes from the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement, which also was represented at Racconigi.

Syria veto boosts opposition to the PLO-Israel deal

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

AS YASSIR Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, arrived to a red carpet welcome in Jordan yesterday, damaging splits in the Arab world's attitude to the historic Israeli-PLO accord were becoming more pronounced.

In an outspoken interview, President Assad of Syria said for the first time that only Israel had gained from the deal signed in Washington and declared he would not silence the 10 Damascus-based radical and Islamic groups who have united to sabotage it.

In Tunisia, an official Israeli delegation arrived for the first time but was given a very subdued reception. Three Israelis, an advanced team preparing for a conference on refugees next month, were met only by junior protocol officials from the foreign ministry and the PLO. The interior ministry banned cameramen and photographers from recording the arrival and told reporters they could not speak to the Israelis.

President Assad's remarks followed a claim by a Baghdad paper published by President Saddam Hussein's eldest son, Uday, that "an understanding" with Syria, ruled by a rival faction of the Baath party, was now possible to form a united opposition to the accord. The two countries, although bitter enemies, put aside their differences in the 1980s to confront Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

Yesterday, in stark contrast to King Husain of Jordan, who was at Amman airport to receive a bear hug, a kiss and a V-for-victory salute from Mr Arafat, the Syrian president publicly denegrated an earlier visit that the PLO chairman made to Damascus to try to sell the deal.

Interviewed by the editor of the Cairo daily, *Al Akhbar*, Mr Assad disparaged the PLO chief, comparing him unfavourably to the Arab world's other peacemaker with the Jews, the late Anwar Saddat, and claiming that Syria had made concessions just by receiving him.

"Of course, Arafat's visit itself gave him a big push because there is no doubt that receiving Arafat in Damascus was not a desirable thing," said the Syrian leader, whose support for the deal on Palestinian self rule is regarded as crucial to its success.

"Arafat says he thanked me for my advice. I told him only to unite the people, unite the citizens so that there will not be massacres. I told him we will not stand in the way, and for that he thanked me three times."

Mr Assad's withering remarks were published as Mr Arafat was being flown from Cairo to Amann in a private Jordanian jet. Later this week he will go on to Indonesia and China in his crusade.

"There was no justification for the secret talks and in my opinion, they (the PLO) have lost, as have the Arabs", Mr Assad told *Al Akhba*. "No one has gained except Israel."

The strength of his remarks caused concern in Western circles as they could provide new impetus to opponents of the accord inside the Palestinian community and the wider Arab world.

In the interview, whose publication coincided with growing speculation that Mr Assad may soon meet President Mubarak of Egypt to discuss the accord, the Syrian leader said he could do nothing to avert the risk of fighting between Palestinians for and against the pact.

"The possibility that problems will occur between them is a real one. The subject is not as simple as Arafat makes out", Mr Assad stated. "Syrian mediation in this matter could not happen."

In the past week, President Assad had received two telephone calls from President Clinton to try to win his backing for the accord. He revealed the depth of his personal bitterness at the method in which it was negotiated behind his back.

Mr Assad, who told his interviewer that he had volunteered to fight for Palestine at the age of 16, said that Syria "did not bless and did not support" the accord signed in Washington and could have blocked it if it had wished. Referring to the alliance of 10 groups using Syria as a base to mount their campaign against it, Mr Assad said: "When they demand in the West and Israel that we silence these groups we say 'let Rabin silence Likud' (the right-wing Israeli opposition which is also against the deal).

Mr Arafat arrived in Jordan as the king faced mounting pressure to postpone next month's multiparty elections because of fears that the Israeli-PLO accord will dominate the campaign and divide the kingdom.

PLO officials said that yesterday's talks between the king and the PLO leader would include the reactivation of joint committees formed earlier this year to discuss problems including refugees and east Jerusalem.

In Cairo, a lukewarm statement signed by all members of the Arab League, with the exception of Iraq, described the Israeli-PLO deal as a first step towards peace but said it must be followed by urgent progress in talks between Israel and Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

Washington: Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, announced yesterday that an international conference will be held to raise billions of dollars to help implement the Israeli-PLO peace deal.

In what was billed as an important foreign policy speech, Mr Christopher said he and Lloyd Bentsen, the treasury secretary, would convene a meeting of foreign and treasury ministers from Europe, the Middle East and Asia as well as representatives from Israel and the PLO.

Mr Christopher said the effort was "not simply to give peace a chance but to ensure that it will not fail." The World Bank would also play "a major co-ordinating role" in delivering assistance for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza. *(Reuter)*



A jubilant Yassir Arafat prepares to embrace King Husain as he arrived at Amman airport yesterday for talks with the Jordanian monarch

De Klerk accused of 'abdicating'

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

SPEAKING during the second reading of a bill to set up a transitional executive council, Ferdi Hartzenberg, leader of the right-wing Conservative Party, yesterday accused the South African government of abdicating in favour of the African National Congress.

When it is passed, the bill will give real power to the unelected delegates representing the main parties in the constitutional talks at the World Trade Centre outside Johannesburg. They will for the first time have the legal power to restrain the government from doing as it chooses.

The bill, Mr Hartzenberg said, "takes away power from the cabinet and parliament and places it in the hands of an unelected body". Then, directly addressing Roelf Meyer, the constitutional development minister, he added: "You have abdicated in favour of the ANC."

The bill, he said, was a declaration of war on the peaceful people of the country and his party would not take part in the council. Instead it would set up its own councils.

Mr Meyer urged all parties to participate in the council. "By not participating they will in fact be worsening their position," he said. "Through participation every party will at least be able to . . . defend its views from within the structure and not as a possible outsider."

The passing of the bill is likely, as far as the ANC is concerned, to mark the irreversibility of the transition process. As a result, Nelson Mandela, the organisation's president, is expected at the end of the week to call at the United Nations for the lifting of all remaining sanctions against South Africa. From Washington, where the World Bank is holding its annual meeting, it is reported that proposals are already being drawn up for an increase in investment funding in the country.

While the debate continued in Cape Town, the Pan Africanist Congress, coming to the same conclusion as the Conservatives, but from the opposite side of the political spectrum, declared that it would also not take part in the new council structure. The PAC has always insisted that only an elected parliament can legitimately take power from the "illegitimate" apartheid regime. Benny Alexander, the organisation's secretary-general, told a South African Press Association reporter on a flight to New York that his organisation would also oppose the lifting of sanctions for the same reason.

One of the most sensitive of the sub-councils being set up by the bill, which will probably go to a vote tomorrow, will oversee the government intelligence organisations. For the first time the ANC and its allies will be able to examine the bodies that have in the past targeted them for destabilisation and even assassination.

President de Klerk celebrated the fourth anniversary of his taking office yesterday. He spent the day speaking on television and radio programmes and attending parties given by his supporters.

☐ **Johannesburg:** Township gunmen opened fire on a military ambulance yesterday, wounding the driver and a patient. The ambulance, clearly marked with red crosses and with its emergency lights flashing in the pre-dawn darkness, was ambushed as it left Thokoza township on the eastern Witwatersrand to take a sick soldier to a military hospital in Pretoria.

Georgian troops urged to leave Abkhazia

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

MARSHAL Pavel Grachev, the Russian defence minister, yesterday called on Georgian troops to withdraw from the disputed western region of Abkhazia. This would mean effectively surrendering it to the rebels loyal to Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the ousted former president.

Marshal Grachev told Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary visiting Moscow, there was no question of Russian troops intervening to stop the Abkhazian offensive. Georgians have accused the Russian army, based on considerable evidence, of covertly backing the rebels.

An initial report yesterday that both sides had agreed to withdraw at a Russian-brokered meeting in the Russian resort of Sochi was later denied. Zourab Abachidze, the Georgian ambassador to the European Community and Nato, called on these bodies to pressure Moscow into taking "effective measures" to help end the fighting.

Abkhazian forces continued to pound Sukhumi, the regional capital, yesterday with heavy artillery. Most of the Georgian artillery was withdrawn under the July 28 ceasefire.

A spokeswoman of the Abkhazian leadership yesterday invited the Georgian garrison to withdraw from the city, saying their position was hopeless. She said the Abkhazians have left a corridor open for them to leave and that the safety of civilians in Sukhumi would be respected.

A Georgian spokesman refused the offer. Mr Shevardnadze, who is in Sukhumi, has vowed to fight to the end, and a belief is growing among Western observers that he may have made up his mind to hold the city or to die there. If Mr Shevardnadze is killed or captured, or is forced to resign as a result of the city's fall, then the general expectation is that political turmoil and civil war would engulf the rest of Georgia.



The powerful forces supporting Mr Gamsakhurdia are determined to return him to power, but this is dreaded by many other Georgians, who fear that he would institute a bloody revenge against those who deposed him in the coup of December 1991.

Marquess marches into court over Sevso silver

A complex legal battle starts today to establish the ownership of Roman silver artifacts valued at £50 million, ***Ben Macintyre*** *writes from New York*

REPRESENTATIVES of Lebanon, Hungary and Croatia, a British marquess, Sotheby's and a small army of expensive lawyers cross the Rubicon into a New York courtroom today to commence a legal battle that will decide finally the ownership of the Sevso silver hoard, the collection of Imperial Roman silver valued at about £50 million.

The 14 heavy silver bowls, basins, dishes and other vessels from about the fourth century AD, regarded as the most important collection of Roman artifacts to surface this century, have languished in a New York vault since March 1990 when they were impounded pending civil litigation. The treasure, and the attitude of the rival claimants, is indisputably Roman, but the tale of the Sevso hoard is distinctly Byzantine.

The collection was first offered for sale in February 1990, through Sotheby's, by the seventh Marquess of Northampton. The pieces had been assembled throughout the 1980s, and were accompanied by Lebanese export licences ratified by the Lebanese embassy in Switzerland.

Sotheby's issued a press release saying that the silver appeared to have been discovered in Lebanon, "possibly in the Bekaa valley", but added that enquiries had also been made in about 29 countries in, or adjacent to the former Roman Empire to ascertain its origin. The auction house declared its "absolute confidence" in the Lebanese licences.

The international art community, however, was not convinced, and the Lebanese government denied the validity of the licences, and claimed the treasure had been discovered by farmers and then smuggled out of the country. Yugoslavia (now represented by Croatia) followed soon after, insisting the hoard, then amounting to 30 pieces, had been unearthed by troops and removed from its soil, possibly via President Tito's summer lodge.

Hungary was the last to join the fray, pointing out that certain markings allude to Pelso, the great Roman hunting ground near Lake Balaton, close to what is now the village of Polgardi. The Hungarians tell of a young Hungarian conscript, Joszef Sumegh, who allegedly discovered the treasure and concealed it in a cellar where he was later found strangled.

The collection is named after Sevso, a powerful officer of the Imperial Roman army of Constantine the Great. One of the plates, two feet in diameter, bears the inscription: "Let these dishes endure for thee, O Sevso, through many centuries, so that they may be worthy of and benefit your descendants." The hoard has endured in magnificent condition, but it is the five-times married Lord Northampton and his descendants who stand to lose millions if the Manhattan supreme court finds he lacks genuine title to the collection.

Lord Northampton and Sotheby's claim to have acted in good faith and have formally been cleared of any wrongdoing, but both the defendants face severe embarrassment, financial and otherwise, if the court rules against them. Last year the court rejected a request by Sotheby's to be removed from the case, with the judge remarking that the auctioneer's claim of neutrality "rings hollow". Sotheby's has also asked Lord Northampton for nearly $3 million (£1.9 million) to pay for the abortive sale.

Microscopic scrutiny of residue left in crevices in the silver have apparently failed to clarify the mystery of the treasure's origin. In the three years since the hoard was impounded the riches have benefited no one but Manhattan's eager lawyers.

Scotland Yard has been investigating how the silver was acquired, and although no criminal action has been filed, detectives may be asked to testify at the trial, along with Michael Ainslie, the Sotheby's president, and Lord Northampton. The governments of Croatia and Hungary are expected to produce individuals who will claim to have witnessed the discovery of the treasure.

Ludovic de Walden, Lord Northampton's lawyer, is expected to ask that the case be dismissed on the grounds that none of the plaintiffs can prove ownership. If Judge Beatrice Shainswit rejects such a request, the art world can look forward to one of the longest and most avidly scrutinised trials this century.



A toilet casket, one of 14 pieces of Roman silver offered for sale by the Marquess of Northampton, right

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We are good Europeans after all

Dreaming of Europe's future, Oxford finds a new lost cause



MARGOT NORMAN

Now I know the wind really has changed in Europe. I was in Oxford over the weekend at an international conference dedicated to this year's classic question-expecting-the-answer-yes, namely: "Are European elites losing touch with their peoples?" What brought home the change most forcefully was hearing the continental speakers, one after the other, holding up Britain as an example of, if not exactly a good European, then at least a wise one. After all those years of insults — Britain as the dirty man of Europe, the foot-dragger, the semi-detached member — it was somewhat dislocating to hear this. Clearly, something's up.

"Governments in Europe are paying the price of a lack of open government and democratic debate on their European policies," said Jean Charlot, a professor at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris. "With the exception of Britain, governments and administrators of the member states, spurred on by the Commission in Brussels, have acted alone, taking for granted the commitment to Europe of their peoples." This was the conference *Leitmotiv*.

Mrs Thatcher would have enjoyed it hugely, sitting in the room named after her at Somerville, listening to the chief economist of the Deutsche Bank running down his free-spending, tax-raising government and praising her to the skies.

It was Jacques Delors who named that price, exactly a year ago. "Either Europe will become more and more democratic, steered by citizens aware of belonging not only to their country but to a collective venture, or there will be no Europe." I suppose the mood of European triumphalism had not then quite evaporated, and he meant it as a warning rather than a prophecy. After listening to the collective gloom of what I suppose was a representative sample of the Euro-elite, I reckon it was a prophecy.

The Oxford gathering was the first conference held by a new organisation called the Europaeum which announces itself "motivated by a desire to place Oxford and the United Kingdom in the vanguard of moves to educate the next generation of leaders in Europe". It is the brainchild of Lord Weidenfeld and Sir Ronald Grierson, who are of Austrian and Bavarian origin respectively. Both are old enough and canny enough to have a sense of *Mitteleuropa* and the old Hapsburg order in Europe, and they are not putting all their eggs into the Brussels basket.

Therefore, the Europaeum is out to make friends and influence people well beyond those borders, creating a pan-European network of institutions through which will pass peripatetic scholars and the future leaders of... er... whatever kind of Europe we end up with.

Watching the audience, I fancied I saw my Lords Jenkins and Clinton-Davis of the Brussels party grow more sombre, while Lord Weidenfeld merely looked thoughtful.

Personally, I was not a bit heartened to hear a senior Eurocrat describing the new science of *comitologie*, a sort of parlour game in which he and his colleagues in Brussels find decision-making procedures which are so complicated that no one knows who took the decision, what the decsion is or to whom it applies. Very droll.

If Michel Vanden Abeele, deputy director general (budget) at the Commission no longer believes in this monster of complexity, how can the rest of us be expected to drum up any of that "collective venture" enthusiasm? He says he's all for the British notion of subsidiarity, but shows little faith in the principles being applied.

William Wallace, of St Antony's, followed up by making us dizzy with statistics on the frantic round of EC committee meetings for officials and ministers, not forgetting the 385 Nato committees, 200 for the OECD, and 152 for the Council of Europe, and so on. He said that the Maastricht negotiations offer a classic case study of the unsustainability of committee government on a European scale.

Everyone involved should have realised that a treaty about currency, borders, policing, defence, taxation and citizenship would need the consent of national parliaments, but "the conspiracy among officials and ministers to say one thing to each other and another to their national publics was so close to second nature that the problem of public consent was taken for granted".

They didn't even trouble to produce a text that made sense because, as a senior permanent representative remarked, *it never occurred to them that the public would get their hands on it.* Representative, he calls himself?

It was useful to get a continental perspective on all this, because it brought home how much more than the British people the public in France and later in Germany felt they had been conned over the years by leaders who swore blind there had been no loss of national sovereignty even as they systematically undermined it.

Our parliamentarians were conned too, *but at least they had* regular opportunities to debate the extent of the con as it proceeded.

If there was anyone present at that conference who believed there was the faintest breath left in the Maastricht Treaty, I didn't hear him (it was a thoroughly masculine affair, this gathering).

Curiously, although many of the speakers have hitched their whole careers to the integration bandwagon, they all referred to "the federalists", as though they were some other group, eccentrics out of tune with the times. I am booking my seat at next year's Europaeum conference with keen anticipation.

'I looked in the mirror and for the first time in 40 years I knew who I was'

750,000 people in Britain are adopted. **Julia Llewellyn Smith** talks to those who went in search of their real mothers

"The first time I met my uncle, he said he couldn't believe it. He said if he had seen me walking on the beach, he would have thought I was my mother. That night I looked in the mirror and for the first time in 40 years I felt at peace. At last I knew who I was."

Vivienne Tyler is one of 750,000 adopted people in Britain. Like most, she loves her adopted parents, but she had always been curious about why she laughed in a certain way and why she suffered from certain health problems. She wanted to know if her father was a duke or a dustman and if she or her three children looked like him.

Since 1975, when the law changed to allow adopted people over the age of 18 to see their birth certificates, more and more have begun to seek out their natural parents.

"The consequences of discovering that you were illegitimate carry less stigma," says Maureen Crank of After Adoption, a counselling service. Since it was revealed last week that Kate Adie had tracked down her sister in Nottingham, the charity's telephones have not stopped ringing. "People think if a successful person like her can do it, then why can't I?" Mrs Crank says.

What did compel Miss Adie to seek out a family that had rejected her at birth? According to Phillida Sawbridge, the director of the Post Adoption Centre, a charity that works with all parties involved in adoption, she was probably driven by a need to fill in the gaps. "When people meet up they spend hours comparing hands and feet and ears," she says. "It's knowing where they fit in the genealogy of things."

Such reunions, however, rarely end in misty-eyed embraces. Tracing one's roots almost inevitably causes disruption and often pain to everyone involved. Adoptive parents often feel jealous of their child's natural parents, who in turn may be terrified of a reminder of the past. The child, meanwhile, must be prepared for a crushing rejection.

"Reunions can be a terrible shock, they can bring enormous joy, but whatever happens they usually involve an upheaval in many people's lives," Ms Sawbridge says.

Mrs Tyler, 46, who spent four years tracking down her family, has mixed emotions about the experience. She discovered that she was the result of a wartime affair and that shortly afterwards her family had emigrated to New Zealand. *She made contact with a* brother there, who passed a letter on to her mother. Her mother wrote back saying she never wanted to hear from her again.

"I can't believe she didn't have the decency just to speak to me," she says. "All I want to do is just watch her from a distance, to ask her how she met my dad, as any woman would want to ask their mother."

Adoption counsellors estimate that only one in five birth families refuse to meet. For those that do make contact there is still no happy-ever-after guarantee.

Sarah, aged 27, a civil engineer from Rochdale, Lancashire, discovered she was the child of two Pakistanis studying in London, who had felt it would be too shameful to return home to their village with a child. With a little luck and a lot of detective work, she tracked them down.

"My [adoptive] mother wrote to them first in very veiled terms, saying we met *you in London in 1965, how* are you, etc. They would have known immediately what she was referring to, but nobody else could have guessed," she says. "Then I wrote to them, saying that I was going to be on holiday in India and suggesting we should meet."

Sarah spent two days with her parents in Bombay. "It was amazing to see them and very emotional," she says. When they said goodbye, however, her parents announced they never wanted to see her again.

"Their social circumstances hadn't changed and they felt nobody could know I existed. It was quite painful, and the jigsaw still wasn't complete, because in such a short period of time you don't think of all the right questions."

Despite the pain, Sarah and Mrs Tyler both agree that they have now laid a ghost. "It was definitely worth it, just to have a picture in my head instead of a void," says Sarah. "Even if I feel anger towards them at least I can feel something *concrete now, instead of* fantasising."

Mrs Tyler has still not seen her mother, but she has become close to her sister. Her father, she discovered, died years before, but she has become good friends with his brothers, sisters and children. "My aunts and uncles say I have just the same personality as him," she says. "It's such a relief to know what made me the way I am."

The usual procedure when tracing a parent is for the child to get the original birth certificate from the public records at St Catherine's House in London. Then they should approach an adoption agency, or their local authority, for further details. The government also has a contact register on which both child and mother can express their wish to make contact.

Organisations such as the Post Adoption Centre stress that once relatives are traced, they should be approached as tactfully as possible. Their counsellors can help draft *letters of introduction and act* as an intermediary.

People wanting to embark on a search are advised to consider their motives carefully. Doreen Ward of the Natural Parents Support Group, which helps parents who have been traced and parents wanting to find their children, says: "Try and do this when your life is giving you satisfaction. *If you see this reunion as the* answer to your distress you may be terribly disappointed. Go into it expecting nothing, except to satisfy your curiosity."

Searchers must also be prepared for harsh revelations. At one point when Mrs Tyler was trying to identify her father, she had to confront the possibility that she was the produce of incest or rape. When she finally met one of her brothers, she found that she felt attracted to him.

"Cases of incest are quite common in these circumstances," she says. "Luckily, I realised that all I really felt for my brother was a family love, but because we are only used to feeling sexual love for strangers, I assumed it was that."

A more likely disaster is that the adoptive parents will feel threatened by their child's search. "The adoptive mother *thinks 'will my child prefer her* to me?' " Ms Sawbridge says. In fact, meeting one's birth parents usually strengthens the relationship with the adoptive parents, she says.

"The actual meeting takes away all the romance. People realise that a stranger cannot be Mum — that is the name of the person who brings you up. This new person didn't wipe your nose and see you through measles."

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Vivienne Tyler, who found strength in the search, with stepson Roy, left, and son Ian

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The dirty deed: Mary Ann Sieghart putting out her rubbish

When the concerned residents of my crescent in west London first complained to the local council about other people dumping their rubbish on our street corner, they thought they were being the active citizens that politicians so often enjoin us to become.

When they started clearing up the rubbish themselves because the dustmen would *not do it, they felt a little* resentful: but at least they were proud to have joined one of Burke's "little platoons", those groups of conscientious volunteers that are supposed to form the cement of British society. Little did they know that their initial action would land them in the dock accused of a criminal offence.

Imagine our consternation, then, to receive a summons through the post inviting us to appear at Walton Street magistrates court to answer the charge of unlawful dumping of rubbish, contrary to the Control of Pollution Act.

The case against us was Kafkaesque: we had left our sacks outside, said the statement from the council inspector, on Tuesday May 4, notwithstanding council regu*lations which specifically state* that rubbish must only be put out on Tuesdays — yes, Tuesdays — and Fridays. At last an inspector *had* been sent, but it was we who were being prosecuted, not the illegal dumpers.

My husband rang the refuse collection enforcement officer to ask what was going on. We waited to hear that the case was being dropped, but as the hearing date drew closer, nothing materialised. I rang the legal department, and was told that we were indeed being prosecuted because that week had contained a bank holiday and so the collection days had been changed.

This was news to us. Nobody had notified us of any change, though we had received a letter setting out the normal arrangements for collection and had followed the instructions scrupulously. I had a choice between pleading guilty (though I thought I had done nothing wrong) and being fined up to £5,000 under the unit fine system; or pleading not guilty, at great inconvenience to myself.

I decided to do the latter, even though it involved cutting our planned holiday in order to attend court. It also meant having to take my two children under two with me.

I found being a defendant surprisingly intimidating. The prosecutor claimed that I had illegally dumped my rubbish on Tuesday, May 4. I showed the court the letter proving that Tuesday was a collection day. He then produced his trump card: that week was a bank holiday week and the days had been changed. "How was I to know?" I asked. He waved an advertisement that Hammersmith and Fulham Council had inserted in the *Fulham Chronicle* concerning refuse collection in that bank holiday week.

"I'm afraid I don't read the *Fulham Chronicle*," I said. "I read *The Times*." The prosecutor then tried to argue that I should have guessed that collection would be put back a day because of the bank holiday. "What happens to the Friday collection then?" I asked. "I can't imagine the dustmen working on a Saturday." The reply was reminiscent of a wartime interrogation: "I ask the questions. You answer them."

The magistrates decided to retire to discuss the case. I sat nervously. My mouth was dry and I had to ask for a glass of water. When they came back, we all stood for the verdict: not guilty.

I was too relieved to remember to ask for my costs, which had anyway been derisory. But afterwards, I started to work out how much this ridiculous case, not to speak of those facing all the other residents, could have cost the taxpayer. I could have hired a lawyer to represent me, and ought in justice to have been awarded his or her costs: roughly £500. I could have elected to go to a crown court to have the case heard before a judge and jury: cost £3,000 or thereabouts to the taxpayer for the court's time plus another £2,000 or so had I chosen to be represented and been awarded my costs.

Hammersmith and Fulham Council claims that each littering prosecution only costs it £50 in prosecution and inspection fees, which sounds remarkably little, but multiplied by all the residents of my crescent, would rise to several hundred pounds. Had we all pleaded not guilty and hired lawyers to represent us in a crown court, the council could have had to pay out tens of thousands of pounds in costs.

And who would have ended up paying? The conscientious local taxpayer, of course.

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Who's sleeping in your bed?

Many common allergic diseases are triggered by the millions of mites in the comfortable British home, writes Nigel Hawkes



The house dust mite feeds off scales of dead skin and finds carpets, curtains and bedding a nourishing habitat

Don't look now, but you are probably going to bed with two million eight-legged creatures. Invisible, thank heavens, to the naked eye, they are house dust mites which live on scales of dead skin. Carpets, curtains, upholstered chairs and, above all, beds provide a nourishing habitat for the mites. Up to 10 per cent of the weight of an average pillow consists of dead skin and house dust mites. Doctors believe that a large proportion of allergic diseases, including asthma, eczema, and rhinitis, are caused by the mites, or rather by their droppings.

A digestive enzyme, known as Derpl, is the villain of the piece. Excreted by the mites in their faeces, Derpl floats around as light as a pollen grain. Conventional vacuum cleaners simply blow it out with the exhaust air, spreading it far and wide, because it is too small to be caught by the filters.

The modern home, warm, humid, and well-supplied with soft furnishings, has played into the hands of the dust mite. Dr Matthew Colloff, an acarologist (or student of mites) at Stob Hill Hospital in Glasgow, says that mites originally lived in the nests of birds or small mammals. Ten thousand years ago, as early man civilised his cave, the mites seized their chance.

"A house-martin's nest is not so different from a bed," says Dr Colloff. "It's warm, cosy, and well-supplied with scales of skin. So it wasn't difficult for the mites to make the shift. They aren't vital to us — we could live quite happily without them."

They are not insects but arachnids, having eight legs and being more closely related to spiders, ticks and scorpions. Across the world, pole to pole, on land and in the sea, there are at least 60,000 different species of mite.

Among the house mite's many interesting features is its laborious method of procreation. Mites reproduce sexually, but not in a very intimate fashion. They lie back to back, the male on top manipulating a long, curved penis fashioned like the spout of a coffee pot. So tiny is the opening to this sexual organ — one thousandth of a millimetre — that the sperm can flow through it only in single file.

As a result, it takes the male mite 48 hours to complete the operation, expelling the sperm one by one, while the female wanders around with him on her back. "There's no other organism in the whole of creation that does that" says Dr Colloff triumphantly.

He doubts that mites are really any commoner today than they have ever been, though warmer homes and fitted carpets have helped, and the abandonment of carpet-beating must have given the mites a quieter life. The real change has been in the growing recognition of the damage that the mites can do, particularly in triggering allergic disease in children.

There is evidence, too, of an unholy alliance between the mites' droppings and the air pollution caused by vehicle engines and by smoking. The particles in diesel exhausts and in tobacco smoke act as promoters of the immune system, encouraging it to produce antibodies against Derpl. Once activated, the immune system produces strong allergic reactions when exposed to the enzyme.

Professor Robert Davies, chairman of the British Allergy Foundation and a consultant in respiratory medicine and allergy at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, is in no doubt of the damage being done. "House dust mite allergy constitutes a major health problem," he says. "We must make every effort to alert allergy sufferers to the dangers of the house dust mite and how they can be avoided."

Among his own patients at Bart's, skin tests have shown that up to a third of people are allergic to house dust mites. A survey, carried out for the foundation by MORI, put the number among adults at one in four, or more than 11 million people in Britain as a whole. While it is questionable how accurate such a survey can hope to be, 80 per cent of asthmatic children have been shown to be allergic to house dust mites.

What can be done? The foundation has produced a leaflet, available free to callers on Freephone 0800 318 385. Some of its recommendations are listed in the box. Dr Colloff has devised one way of killing mites, by freezing them to death with liquid nitrogen. Two companies, both based in Scotland, now offer this as a service. There have been encouraging clinical trials of a new bedding system, called Intervent, which covers mattresses, pillows and duvets with a membrane that can breathe but has holes too small for the mites to penetrate. Boots are the exclusive suppliers, but the system is expensive: £160 to cover a mattress, and £170 for a duvet interliner, for example.

High-tech vacuum cleaners, with filters fine enough to capture the particles, are also available, at £199.99 excluding VAT. Information is available from the manufacturers, Nilfisk, on Freephone 0800 252 296. But eliminating mites altogether is an impossible task. So long as humans shed skin, mites will live on it.

HOW TO FIGHT THE MITE

- Use barrier materials on mattresses and bedding — choose one which allows body moisture to pass through and which is easy to wipe down
- Use sheets and blankets that are washed at over 55C, hot enough to kill mites
- Reduce dust-gathering objects such as ornaments, books and wall-hangings
- Dust with a damp cloth, which will keep dust from becoming airborne
- Vacuum thoroughly and regularly, especially under the bed, ideally with a special fine-filter vacuum cleaner that retains dust mites and their particles
- Do not shake rugs indoors. Our grandmothers had the right idea, taking their rugs outside for a hard beating
- Choose lightweight curtains which are quick and easy to wash. Roller or vertical blinds are a good alternative
- Sleep with the window open. Mites need humidity to thrive, so opening the window at night and airing the bed during the day are two old wives' tales that make sense
- Remember that "non allergenic" bedding refers simply to the filling, which will not cause an allergic reaction — it will, however, still become infested with mites over time

He's not the man I knew

Dr Thomas Stuttaford on head injury and personality change



TWO years ago it would have been unthinkable that Yassir Arafat would have ever stood, without his pistol, on the White House lawn in Washington, shaking hands with Yitzhak Rabin and even more surprising that as he did so he allowed himself a fleeting half-smile. Can this change of mood be entirely attributed to American pressure on Israel, and the influence of shrinking funds on PLO strategy, or have the efforts of the diplomats to exploit any weakness been eased by a change in Mr Arafat's personality after the injuries he suffered in the air crash of April last year?

The usual, and regrettably correct, assumption is that when brain damage following a head injury alters a patient's personality it tends to accentuate previous characteristics. So those who were already tough, aggressive and outspoken may well become irrationally irritable or even irresponsibly violent. There are exceptions: some patients after head injury become amiable and tractable.

Dr Martin Rose, the director of the Kemsley unit at St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, Britain's largest unit for the specialised care of patients with severe behavioural problems following a head injury, estimates that in about 5 per cent of previously aggressive people there is a paradoxical result. Those who were, as Dr Rose expresses it, "really pretty bloody" become more placid and amenable to normal social constraints.

Dr Rose has cared for habitual criminals who, after suffering brain damage, have gone straight, become dutiful husbands and fathers, even if sometimes a loss of intellect, also caused by the accident, has prevented a return to work.

Dr Ian Robertson, a Cambridge-based clinical neuro-psychologist, while agreeing with Dr Rose, emphasises that there may be a price to be paid for an easier personality. "Society may be grateful that a previously difficult person is quiet and malleable, but any improvement so far as the patient is concerned may have to be balanced by intellectual impairment, loss of memory, slowness of thought, difficulty in communication, loss of confidence and diminished career prospects."

EVERY year one million people — two thirds male with an average age of 28 — are treated in hospitals for head injuries. The majority seem to make a good recovery. But there is a close correlation between the length of the amnesia (loss of memory) experienced after an accident and the likelihood of a good recovery. Even so doctors emphasise that persistent personality changes of every grade of severity can follow even minor head injuries.

Research is well advanced into drugs which will reduce the oedema (swelling) of initially undamaged brain tissue around the site of the injury. As this oedema develops over the first 24 to 36 hours the patient's condition worsens. Soon, as Dr Robertson says, it will be as important to have emergency treatment immediately after a brain injury or stroke as it is today to have clot busters after a coronary thrombosis.

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Lynne Truss



When the time comes, say goodbye, walk away — and don't look back

A couple of weeks ago, on Radio 4's *In the Psychiatrist's Chair*, the late great Les Dawson confessed to a fault he had never been able to cure. "What do you like least about yourself?" asked Anthony Clare (as he often does). That I can't say no to people, said Dawson: that I want to please them, and worst of all, that I'm never the person at the pub who just looks at his watch and decides it's time to go home. Bless you, Les Dawson, I thought. In a generally sympathetic interview, this admission was surely the most endearing moment of all.

As someone who has blithely waved away the last guests at other people's dinners, gamely collected glasses and turned off lights at other people's office parties, said "Gosh, that's kind" to the fifth weary offer of coffee from hosts stapling their eyelids to *their foreheads and propping their chins on* broom-handles, I felt I knew precisely what he meant. Sometimes I worry that I live inside a Gary Larson cartoon, the one that's captioned: "The Arnolds feign death until the Wagners, sensing awkwardness, are compelled to leave."

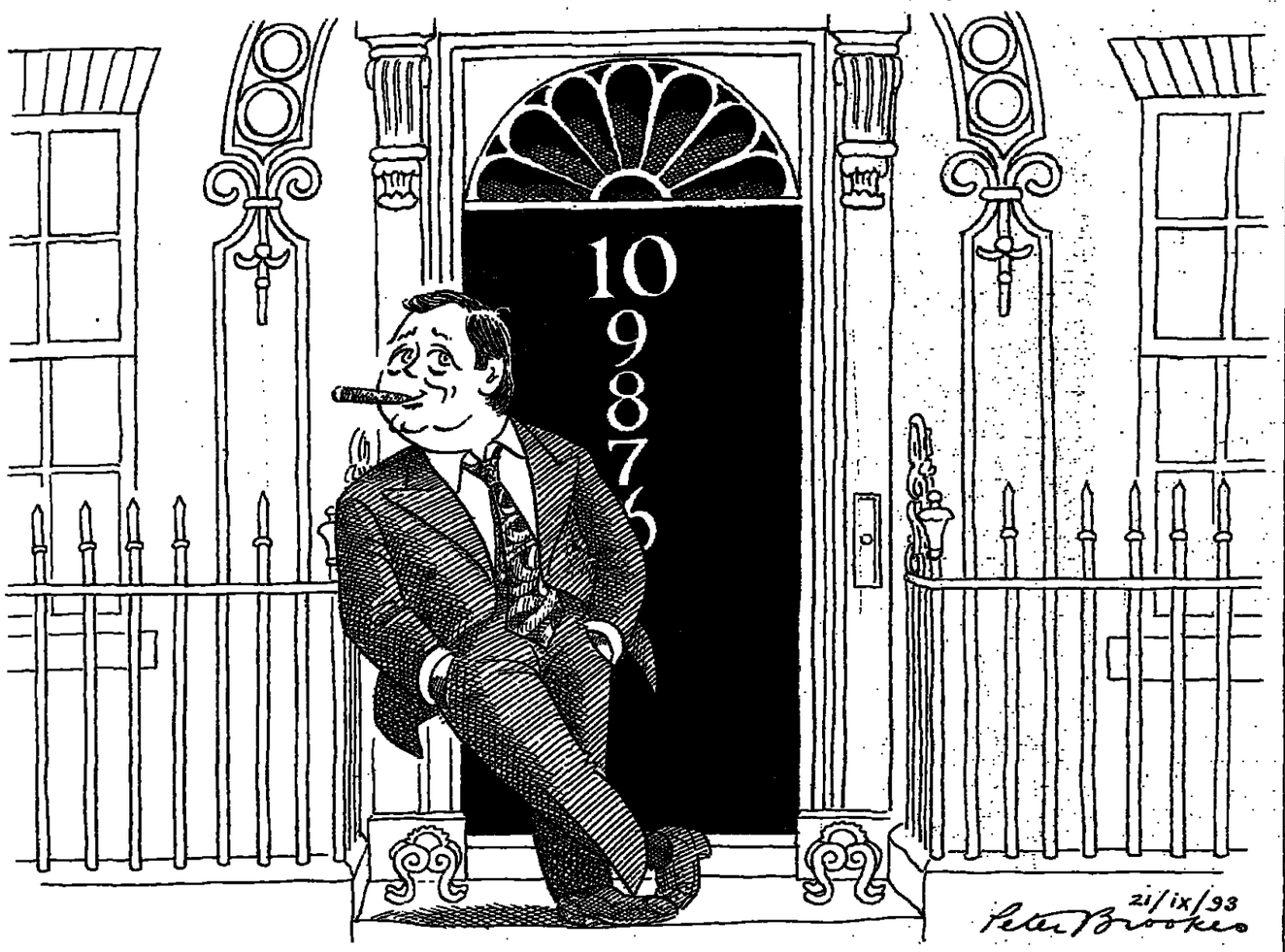
Why does this awkwardness arise? No doubt the non-suffering majority (those decisive watch-glancers, coat-grabbers and leave-takers) think that we dreary obtuse Wagners refuse to collect our hats because we fear that people will talk about us. But it's nothing so simple. No, in fact we just feel that saying goodbye admits a failure to bond, and we can't stand it. I remember once interviewing Stephen Fry for a Sunday newspaper, spending two or three pleasant and fruitful hours in a Soho restaurant with him, and then — on the pavement outside — finding myself completely unable to say "Westward ho!" and strike off in a different direction, because I felt it would ruin everything.

"Well, I'm going this way," he said, courteously offering his hand and wishing me luck. "*Oh, that's lucky, I can go that way* too!" I exclaimed nerdishly, utterly deaf to my cue. We walked towards Shaftesbury Avenue, where by chance he spied a 19 bus. "I believe this will take me to Islington," he said, jumping aboard and waving. "Great idea." I agreed, and jumped on, too. (It gives me no pleasure to recount this, believe me.) "Do you know, I think I'll go *upstairs*," he said, in a courteous last-ditch attempt to lose me, as we turned left at Cambridge Circus and sped up Charing Cross Road. At which point (outside Foyles) I finally realised it was time to say goodbye.

I disembarked, spent half an hour in a bookshop, and thought no more about it until I re-emerged and saw to my alarm that he was studying the window opposite. Clearly the longsuffering chap had likewise got off the bus immediately I was out of sight.

I often call to mind this excruciating memory when interviewers record their meetings with celebrities entirely in a manner to flatter themselves, registering every "um" and "er" of the responses while somehow forgetting to mention that there is another side to the story: that their own questions were offensive or ill-informed, or that they suddenly suffered a copious nosebleed just at the moment when the tape-recorder unspooled yards of tape which became entangled with the dog. I think with fondness of the actor Brian Cox, who patiently allowed me to interview him twice, because on the first occasion my tape-recorder silently self-combusted on his dressing-room sofa (leaving a hole). But mainly I think of those poor blighters — playwrights, directors, actors — who politely talked for several hours, until it finally (and horribly) dawned on them that "*enough's enough*" *was an expression* which, despite being in English, held no meaning for me whatsoever.

Why isn't there therapy for this condition? After all, it would be incredibly simple to organise. Just get a group of fellow-sufferers together in a big room and then, well, make us all go home again. Fiddling with one's travelcard or car-keys while making vague dithery "Gosh, is that the time?" noises would be strictly forbidden unless properly "followed through". After two or three hours, the group leader might helpfully collapse to the floor and feign death (like the Arnolds) to see if it helped. And anyone who staunchly waved farewell and then, ten minutes later, popped a head round the door to ask "Was that all right?" would be sent to Coventry forthwith.



Doing a power of harm

What is to be done about officious little bureaucrats who meddle in our affairs merely because they are permitted to?

Bernard Levin

Yes, yes: we can all quote Acton wrongly, and swots like me can quote him correctly, but today I don't want to quote him at all: I have thought of a saying *that is much more powerfully true* than his (which, between you and me, I never did think much of). Here, then, is my imperishable apothegm, which I trust will continue to be quoted through the centuries when Acton is forgotten and *The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations* is in its 37th edition: "The less the power, the greater the desire to exercise it."

This jewel of wisdom did not spring fully-fledged from my mind: the idea has been roving around my head for years, in many different situations and guises. But what drove me to encapsulate the theme was the extraordinary fact that I had never, in all my days, seen the rule broken, and until I see real evidence I shall believe that I have increased the sum of human knowledge, just like Archimedes.

Do you remember the shark? I dare say that people continue to visit Oxford not for the dreaming spires but for that splendid fibreglass wheeze: the "shark" that is embedded in the roof of its owner's house to look as though it dived from the heavens and got stuck by the force of its fall among the tiles.

I recall the story now for one reason: it supports my thesis most handsomely. The battle over the shark went on for some six years; the local council said it must come down, and the heroic owner said it must not. At last, there was a public enquiry, and the law said, finally, that the shark could stay. Whereupon — I tell you true — the head of the planning committee of the municipality said that the decision was not only "a victory for *anarchy" but also "a slap in the face for* the decent and respectable people". I dare say that that is exactly what he believed it was, but it was only Levin's Theorem being exercised. Being the head of the planning committee of the local council is a better post than that of the man who empties the dustbins, but when it is a matter of power it is not nearly as good as being prime minister, head master of Eton, the Duke of Plaza Toro or Pol Pot. And our man had not only been cheated out of these tremendous positions, but over-ruled in his own tiny world. It is no use saying that the apoplectic councillor had got his perspectives out of kilter, and should have laughed rather than burst at the decision; the whole tragedy occurred because he couldn't laugh. Yet show him a funny newspaper cartoon, or a film matching his taste in humour, or if all else fails, a very fat man in a top hat stepping on a banana-skin and falling over, and he will guffaw with the rest of us.

What's the difference? It is that a tiny power was being exercised (and made far worse by being over-ruled); I remembered it the other day when I read about Hanna and her wheelbarrow. It seems that everyone in Dublin knows Hanna, which is not surprising because Hanna knows everyone in Dublin. She is 81 years old, and what she does for a living is push her barrow (as did sweet Molly Malone) and sell from it what the populace want to buy: fruit, flowers, sweets and all the things that you would expect to find from a peripatetic shop, and she has been doing it, year in, year out, come rain and shine, for *sixty-eight years*. I am sure I have seen her in my forays to Dublin, and I may have bought from her barrow. All in all, it is clear that Hanna is not so much a Dublin sight as a Dublin heirloom.

You would think, would you not, that Hanna would be left alone to push her barrow and sell from it for the remaining *years — they can hardly be very* many, *absit omen* — of her life. Alas, it is not so; the horrible people who run the Irish railways have served her repeatedly with orders to stop trading (her patch is at a station): legally, they are in the right — she is breaking the law — but her daily turnover can hardly be more than a few pounds in all, and of course she could hardly be anything like a nuisance.

Levin's Theorem strikes again. Someone in the Irish transport organisation C.I.E. decided that Hanna must go, for no better reason that the someone in question has the right to force her to go. I suppose it is now impossible to discover who it was that couldn't wait for Hanna to die but must exercise his tiny ration of power and make her go. That kind of power is pale, thin and ragged, a ridiculous version of the real thing, but he who wields it in miniature believes for a moment that he is Pharaoh. With that he must be content; it would be better, of course, if he could tell the president of Ireland what to do, but as it is, he can only tell Hanna what to do. "Ichabod! Ichabod! The glory is departed!" (Actually, the glory never was.)

Do they do things differently in England? Not if Harvey Marshall has anything to do with it. I will have you know that he is the chairman of the environment sub-committee of Westminster City Council, a post which, with Mr Marshall in it, ought to have a salute of 44 guns and the right to be carried through the streets to his enormously important appointments in a sedan-chair.

Mr Marshall's hour has now come. He has found, by sending a stool-pigeon incognito to the shop in Buckingham Palace from which visitors can buy souvenirs — books, mugs, the usual trash — that the Palace has inadvertently included things that the law says may not be sold and bought on a Sunday: soap, with the royal arms emblazoned on it, for instance. Not only that: this *dreadful crime has been committed* not once, but twice, and possibly thrice. As I write, Mr Marshall has not yet arrested the Queen, but I dare say that if there is any more contraband sold — a monogrammed toothbrush, for instance — he will brace himself, invite the press and photographers — especially the photographers — and put the handcuffs on the poor woman. As she is dragged, crying and screaming, into the Black Maria, her weeping children around her, Mr Marshall — mark my words — will be saying that no one in the land, however high, may flout the law, and particularly the bit of it that Mr Marshall looks after. If you think that that scenario comes a bit too strong, I can at least offer the real thing in the dialogue: Mr Marshall himself said (yes, he did!) "We expect Her Majesty to comply with her own laws".

I say it again: "The less the power, the greater the desire to exercise it." I believe that if we could kidnap and hypnotise Mr Marshall and all his like and make them think that they are truly rulers of empires, heads of giant businesses, commanders of huge armies, I bet that they would to a man be diffident, patient, retiring, publicity-shy: it is only (as Levin's Theorem would obviously confirm) because they do *not* have power that they throw their weight about and make right nanas of themselves.

We have a considerable task before us; to put Levin's Theorem into the hand of every holder of power, starting at the bottom with those who hold the least. I believe that Acton did us no service, and even Burke was not helpful, when he said "The greater the power, the more dangerous the abuse". That, of course, is obviously true, but my criticism of it is that the weight of rebuttal is at once thrown at the great wrongs done by power, whereas I believe we should start by facing the smallest attempt at power in the smallest area that power might reign over.

"The less the power, the greater the desire to exercise it." We are not a band of musketeers — one for all and all for one — starting an organisation to fight the petty-power, if only that there might be a quarrel about who should make the decisions. But as individuals we can do a good deal. Where, for instance, are the Dublin voices raised against C.I.E. and threatening to boycott the miserable body which drove Hanna *and her barrow off the streets? Where* are the satirists to make such a booby of Mr Marshall that he would be glad to have his head chopped off for *lèse-majesté*?

Power, as we all know, is dangerous stuff, however small the bailiwick in which it is exercised. Throughout my life, I have taken great care to keep away from it: not only would I refuse to drink from the poisoned chalice, I would not even sniff the heady, pungent aroma. That is why I can sleep straight in my bed, while those who hold or seek power toss and turn. And that, also, is why I can make a sampler of Levin's Theorem, hang it on the wall above his bed, and, whatever the temptations, abide by it.

Time for Lamont to keep quiet

Woodrow Wyatt says John Major deserves Tory unity

John Major is reported to be drawing up a detailed statement to rebut Norman Lamont's claim that "Mr Major's stubborn commitment to European unity prolonged the country's ERM agony". I urge him to refrain. It would provoke counterclaims and more accusations of dastardly deeds by Mr Lamont. Last Thursday on *Question Time*, he said: "There are many things I could say and many things I will say." For a long while I was almost alone in the media in backing the prime minister and his then Chancellor. Whatever passing friction there may have been behind the scenes, their joint policy was brilliantly successful. Because of their bravery in sticking to what was temporarily unpopular, Britain has emerged first from the world recession and is becoming the leading economic power in Europe, even ahead of Germany. This will be recognised by history; Mr Major has a reasonable hope that it will be recognised before the next election. That is despite the masochistic wailing of comfortable multitudes whose standard of living has steadily advanced above inflation during the whole of the recession, and continues to do so.

I am an old friend and admirer of Norman Lamont. I was grieved when the prime minister felt obliged to sacrifice him. But that is now in the past. Mr Lamont injures himself by harping on how his partnership with the prime minister would have been still better if his worries about the ERM had been attended to before September 16, 1992. Norman Lamont wishes to return to a political career with high cabinet office. Clearly that is not available from Mr Major. Nor would it be from any successor if he carries on as now. No prime minister would want him in the cabinet if he felt that on leaving it for any reason he might begin a campaign similar to this against Mr Major. So Mr Lamont's wisest course is to stop talking about the events which led to his dismissal. The audience on *Question Time* didn't take him seriously. Nor, after his monstrous vilification by the tabloid and quality press, does most of the country. People have not comprehended his skills in constructing policies which are now rewarding the nation.

To obliterate the impression that he is a lightweight, Mr Lamont should confine himself to serious, deeply thought-out speeches and to working on his own economic philosophy — and leave the rest to his (I hope distant) memoirs. That would ease worries in the minds of those in the cabinet who think highly of him, and also, I guess, of those at Rothschild's, whose business cannot be assisted by his bouts of political pugilism.

As for discontented Tory MPs, they should understand that they are playing the fool not merely with their party, but with the country. Mr Major returns from Japan on Thursday night. Making a commotion while he is there undermines his remarkable negotiating skills in winning trade. He is entitled to at least one quiet year before any Tory MP even hints at a leadership contest. By then, he may look more durable. The mutterings and the leaked plots damage good government. If I were Mr Major I would tell Tory MPs that if they do not rally behind him, he will call a general election; then they would be in the soup. Maastricht is a dead issue and most voters regard squabbling over it as inane, irrelevant and boring.

By putting Labour more than ever under the control of the Jurassic Park unions, John Smith keeps Labour unelectable. But the young modernisers will inevitably replace him, and when they do Labour will become an attractive option. *They may come sooner than* expected by complacent Tories, who should remember that the Bevan split kept Labour out of office for 13 years. And if the Liberal Democrats started to look as though they could govern efficiently, they too could savage the Tories in an election. There are numerous clever politicians in the Tory party, but cleverness is death to a political party unless restrained by common sense.

Bristling Tories

THE Conservative party conference will not just be a stormy time for the prime minister; it promises to be equally awkward for the Young Conservatives, who have a few things to explain. Such as how they came to organise two fringe meetings for the same day: a breakfast with the British Fur Trade Association followed by a debate with the RSPCA about animal rights.

While the RSPCA meeting promises colourful scenes — *Tony Banks, the Labour MP,* will debate "There's no such thing as animal rights" with food minister Nicholas Soames — the fur-trade breakfast has landed the YCs in deep water. Central Office is furious and has ordered them *to scrap their involvement* with the meeting.

Whether the order will be heeded is quite another matter. Andrew Rosindell, YC chairman and keen dog lover, sounds unrepentant. "Central Office has told us that the fur trade is too controversial and we cannot hold the meeting. But we intend to hold both meetings on the same day. Central Office has said it does not want the national YCs holding the meeting, but they have not said anything about not wanting, say, the north-west YCs to hold it."

The fur trade, meanwhile, is in the temperature-controlled dark. David Liney, executive officer, says: "The YCs said they were not organising the RSPCA meeting. We were invited by them to sponsor breakfast for about 400 people, *where we will have a small propaganda stand.*" Competing with the RSPCA, he says, does not worry him. "It's Mr Banks I worry about."

The RSPCA, for its part, claims not to have heard of the fur-trade breakfast. The head of its parliamentary office, Phil Cole, says: "The idea is to provide a lively occasion. Tony Banks might be rather like Daniel in the lion's den, but we are hoping for a highly entertaining, as well as a broad, philosophical, debate. No one is being set up."



DIARY

Disproportional?

ON Thursday, Paddy Ashdown *will address the nation.* The big question among Liberal Democrats in Torquay, however, is who will be on the conference platform to listen? The problem is the modest size of the platform, which has just 25 seats to accommodate Ashdown, *his wife Jane, former* leaders, party grandees, favoured advisers . . . the list goes on.

But the Lib Dems have solved the problem in typically democratic style — with a raffle. All 21 MPs (excluding Ashdown) will buy tickets, just four of which win places. Now the big question in Torquay is do the winners get exempted from listening to Ashdown, or do they have to turn up?

Local author

DAPHNE DU MAURIER, never a great one for parties *herself, would love this.* The novelist Susan Hill, who next month publishes *Mrs de Winter*, her sequel to du Maurier's *Rebecca*, has decided to boycott the traditional London launch party, saying that such profligacy is "immoral".

Instead, in a move which will doubtless come as a relief to her publisher Sinclair-Stevenson, which is spending £150,000 promoting the book, she is holding the party locally, in the Chipping Camden Bookshop, where a few friends will sip wine together.

Hill says: "Everyone expects me to hold the party in the Ritz. I said, 'Forget it, it's a waste of money and immoral'. I never go to launch parties in London — well, I might if it's a friend — because it seems wrong to spend that sort of money on freeloaders. You read in *Tatler* about people *who go round* London from one party to another drinking other people's champagne. My socialist feelings forbid it."

Orchestra pit

OPERA returns to Northern Ireland tonight. But not in the Grand Opera House, which is still being repaired after damage by an IRA bomb. Instead, Opera Northern Ireland will kick off the new season with *La Tragédie de Carmen* — in an old coal warehouse.

Directed by Ion Caramitru, Romania's leading operatic director who also happened to be the country's vice-president for a few months after the revolution in 1989, the company will perform Peter Brook's acclaimed version for the first time in the UK. With only four singers, three actors and a 15-strong orchestra, it is, in the words of Randall Shannon, managing director of the ONI, "a performance of sex, violence and good tunes". The venue is the Klondike building on the Ormeau Road. "'Theatre' would be a fairly generous word for it," says Shannon. "It's basically a performing space; theatre summons up an atmosphere of comfort and opulence which this place does not have."

● *The gentlemen of the MCC are having a troubled time on a week-long tour of Gibraltar. Nothing to do with the bowling, which is proving remarkably sedate. No, the flag, which is hoist wherever they play, has been stolen. A sheepish MCC source says: "It's a bit odd. The only reason we can think of is that the flag is the same red and gold as the Spanish flag. It's a little bit awkward — it's the only one they've got."*

Insult is better than injury



Until now, John Serjeant, the BBC's chief political correspondent, has been best known for his "behind you" routine with Mrs Thatcher during the leadership election. But this week, at least, he is the man dubbed a "jerk" by Gus O'Donnell, the prime minister's press secretary, for having the temerity to ask Major a question about the latest leadership rumpus.

O'Donnell, who is accompanying the prime minister in Japan, has since apologised to Serjeant. Whether that will suffice is unclear, but if so, Serjeant might reflect that he has got off lightly, if the experience of John Simpson, the BBC's foreign affairs editor, is anything to go by.

Last week Simpson recalled the dangers of confronting politicians with difficult questions. "Even as late as 1970, speaking to a senior politician before you were spoken to could land you in trouble. In April that year I was given my very first assignment as a radio reporter: to go to Euston station, where Harold Wilson, the then prime minister, was due to board a train, and ask him when he was going to call an election.

"Wilson and his entourage came along the platform and I stepped forward. "I'd got as far as 'Excuse me,' when Wilson, outraged by my terrible behaviour, punched me in the stomach. All the TV cameras, and all of Fleet Street's finest, were looking on. They thought it was terribly funny. All I knew was that I'd been mugged by the prime minister on my very first story."

Simpson added that he couldn't imagine Major punching a reporter. Quite right — that's what press secretaries are for.

NOT A RESTORATION

Poland's new communists must prove the break with their past

Poland's communist party — which emerged as by far the strongest grouping in Poland's elections on Sunday — has some important questions to answer before it can enjoy the full trust of the West. These communists may look somewhat different from the brawny, bulky suited teams of General Jaruzelski and Edward Gierek. The party may call itself Social Democratic; its leaders may be snappy dressers with expensive haircuts. Only recently, however, did it emerge from the shell of a regime that once imposed martial law. It is right that firm assurances be demanded.

Poland has shifted to the left for a mesh of reasons. First, the pain of shock therapy reform can no longer be ignored. Four Solidarity-rooted governments have stuck to the broad contours of an IMF sponsored policy that has throttled back inflation, encouraged privatisation and, in the last few months, seen a return to growth. Each of these governments has demanded sacrifices in return for the promise of better living standards. The credibility of these promises, constantly renewed, has been crumbling. The prospect of European Community membership seems as far away as ever.

Disillusionment with radical change, and with the West, certainly contributed to the success of the communists. So too did a feeling that the political class, drawn from the many wings of Solidarity, was not up to the job. The former communists, under 38-year-old Alexander Kwasniewski, presented an alternative of sorts: a return to a safer world and a government more determined to intervene in the economy. Mr Kwasniewski made some intelligent pledges during the election campaign. Above all he stressed that a communist dominated government would not scrap market reforms. Indeed it would not be able to do so. The Polish economy is now driven by a dynamic private sector — one of outgoing prime minister Hanna Suchocka's achievements was to give entrepreneurs confidence to invest — and it is difficult to see how such companies could be renationalised.

But Mr Kwasniewski, a junior minister in the Jaruzelski regime, has to reassure the West and indeed the Poles on many issues before he can take on the mantle of national leadership. His democratic mandate goes some, but not all the way, to restoring confidence. Communist regimes, including the one that he served, rule by force not by consensus. Mr Kwasniewski's reborn party has to become a committed champion of human rights — and not the Cold War rhetoric of a "right to work" or a "right to a house". That means respecting the rights of Poland's many Catholics and not trying to undo the reforms, such as those allowing religious instruction in schools, of the past two years.

The ex-communists must also show themselves to be good housekeepers. Mr Kwasniewski has inherited a very weak team of economists. If they advise him to boost spending in the public domain — even for worthy causes such as schools and hospitals — he should resist. Poland is only just beginning to rein in its high inflation; a resurgence now would be fatal to the economy. The election arithmetic suggests that Mr Kwasniewski will cobble together a coalition with the farmers' party, the PSL. Together the two parties would command about two-thirds of the seats in parliament. The price of this support would, however, be increased agricultural subsidies in the form of cheap credit to farmers. That too could be ruinous.

The ex-communists should also state clearly where they stand on Polish entry to NATO and the European Community. On NATO in particular the party has been muddled. Some of the party leaders have suggested that Poland should only become a member of the Western Alliance if Russia is also included — a sign that the party is still travelling along the narrow tramlines of its discredited predecessor.

President Lech Walesa's role will grow as a result of this election as there are few avowed defenders of radical reform left in parliament. Because many nationalist groupings have been ejected by the voters, the president will have to redress the balance. Most importantly, as supreme commander of the army, he must ensure that the armed forces stay out of the political game.

SOUNDS OF STIRRING

Foreign trips produce unpleasant feedback

Troubles habitually brew while leaders are away from home. In less democratic countries than Britain, foreign trips provide the perfect opportunity for a coup. John Major need not fear an armed uprising against his premiership, but his travels abroad seem to have an uncanny knack of creating a febrile political atmosphere at home.

Foreign trips used to be thought of as useful propaganda tools for an ailing politician. With the Opposition out of the way, a prime minister could look statesman-like shaking the hand of his or her counterpart, while standing up for British interests abroad, a stance always popular with the voters. The politician could escape the hothouse of Westminster and spend a few days conducting foreign policy with dignity many thousands of miles away.

Such was usually the case with Margaret Thatcher, who even timed election campaigns to coincide with G7 summits so that she could be seen dealing on equal terms with American presidents and the like. Only her visit to Paris during her own leadership campaign was deemed a trip too far.

But Mr Major has come under much more criticism for his travels abroad, some of it justified, some not. His trip to India in January was taken at the most unfortunate time, while Parliament was sitting and when much important business deserved his attention at home. When he went to Egypt last year, he stirred up trouble himself by threatening to call an election if he lost the paving debate on Maastricht. Such a piece of news was bound to overshadow the purpose of the trip.

The prime minister is understandably angry that, whenever he goes away, many more column inches at home are spent on his political position than on his achievements abroad. Now that a large posse of political journalists accompanies a prime minister around the world, it is not surprising that one who is in a weak position will be questioned about it. Stuck in the same aeroplane, Mr Major and his men find it harder to escape their tormentors. George Bush found the same problem in his later tours — and for the same reasons.

Political leaders cannot cast the blame wholly onto journalists' heads. The domestic remarks that they make to accompanying journalists are often more interesting than the details of trade delegations or arms deals. If a leader is weak, his enemies feel that they have a licence to stir up trouble while he is out of the country. The sound of that stirring is then amplified from a foreign briefing, fed back into domestic politics until the feedback becomes a howl.

Mr Major's intentions in going to Japan and Malaysia are good. He wants to promote British trade interests, something Baroness Thatcher was frequently accused of ignoring. He chose what should have been a suitable time, when politics are supposed to be quiet. With him are travelling an FT indexful of company chairman, plus a few schoolchildren for good measure.

He has made the right noises about GATT and has spent two hours talking to the new Japanese prime minister, Morihiro Hosokawa, about relations between the two countries. But there has been little of substance on this trip for journalists to report: no new orders, no progress on reducing Japan's barriers to British goods. The question of compensation for British prisoners of war who suffered at the hands of the Japanese has been left in the air.

The truth is that the British political landscape now resembles a southern European forest after a long period of drought. The merest spark is enough to set off a conflagration. Mr Major has a lot of firefighting to do if the flames are to be dampened down even temporarily.

MIDNIGHT'S MASTER

Salman Rushdie's masterpiece is honoured

The award of the first Booker of Bookers to Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's Children* is a just recognition of a magnificent work of fiction. It also reclaims a persecuted novelist from the spiteful shadow of the "Rushdie Affair" and of *The Satanic Verses*: a lesser, less beguiling novel. Not everyone will agree that *Midnight's Children* is the greatest fictional work of the last quarter century; but none can dispute its majestic influence upon contemporary literature.

The novel, which won the Booker Prize in 1981, was Rushdie's second, and tells the story of 1,001 supernaturally gifted children born in the first hour of August 15, 1947, at the precise moment of independent India's birth. Their turbulent lives, as narrated by Saleem Sinai, become a spectacular metaphor for the progress of a nation and the betrayal of its young. Like Rushdie himself, the characters are "handcuffed to history".

Though *Midnight's Children* is not an easy book, its impact was extraordinary. In a superficial sense, it made "international" literature fashionable during the 1980s. Yet, for all its cosmopolitanism, *Midnight's Children* is a profoundly English novel, a post-colonial passage back from India. Written by a man raised in Bombay but educated at Rugby and Cambridge, it explores one nation's identity through the prism of another's literature. It owes as much to the satire of Dickens and Swift as to the hyperbole of Indian folklore. It makes a virtue of deracination and uncertainty.

As Malcolm Bradbury writes in our Booker of Bookers supplement today, *Midnight's Children* is "one of the very best of our *post*-postwar novels", describing a world in which national boundaries are constantly permeated by the hectic movement of people, words and electronic signals. In the twelve years since the book first appeared, the growing risk of religious balkanisation in India and the author's own predicament have shown that his vision of cultural pluralism and religious tolerance remains a vision. Yet *Midnight's Children* is no less resonant than it was in 1981; or will be 50 years hence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Civil servants and market-testing

From the General Secretary of the NUCPS

Sir, Sue Richards is right in thinking that most civil servants regard the privatisation and market-testing of Civil Service functions as wrong-headed ("More than a master's voice", Management, September 16). However, there *is* an avenue for them to express these views, and they do so. That is, through their trade unions.

Opposition to market-testing is reflected in the fact that *every* union in the Civil Service opposes the initiative — from the messengers, porters and junior managers of my union to the most senior grades of the First Division Association.

Sue Richards pointed to the "clear conflict between the two policies" of rolling back the state and securing better value for money. The explanation for this lies in the ideological prejudice of the government against public-sector provision — regardless of the implications for the quality of service.

Ministers are increasingly tying themselves in knots with ever more tortuous attempts to justify each and every political attack on the public services. They first argued that civil servants should not expect to "escape" the rigours of the market, and should therefore compete for their own jobs through market-testing.

Then ministers argued that as civil servants had job security, they should expect low, or no, pay increases. Now, the Chancellor says that any pay increases will have to be paid for by productivity (i.e., staff cuts). This is despite the fact that according to HM Treasury, 167,000 jobs were cut from the Civil Service between 1979 and 1992.

In reality, the government is attempting to offload the price of its economic incompetence onto its own staff — a serious mistake from the government's point of view which will result in a high vote for strike action on November 5.

Yours sincerely,
J. D. SHELDON,
General Secretary,
National Union of Civil and Public Servants,
124-130 Southwark Street, SE1.

Words of wisdom

From Mr Vincent Brome

Sir, Professor Martines (letter, September 10) has redoubled the impact of the "business-speak" in which the British Library's "public statement of strategic objectives" is written by concentrating short quotes in a single paragraph. It is a technique which can be used with equal effect by selecting jargon from sociology, psychology, philosophy and even literature.

The business-speak employed does not justify dismissing the librarians as unsuitable guardians of the priceless collection in the British Library.

The crucial matter at issue is not the style in which the statement is written but its contents. Among several debatable points one is given top priority. The aim of the library, it says, is "scholarship, research and innovation", in that order. Pride of place is thus given to original work in the humanities.

Yours sincerely,
VINCENT BROME
(Member, British Library Advisory Committee, 1975-82),
45 Great Ormond Street, WC1.

Homes registration

From Ms Sheila Giblin

Sir, Your report (September 8) on the registration and inspection of homes for the elderly states: "Under present regulations, only a home with more than four residents needs to be registered with the local authority." As from April 1 *all* care homes have had to be registered under the Registered Homes (Amendment) Act 1991, including those caring for three or fewer residents.

The report (earlier editions) also states: "All nursing homes must have dual registration with the local authority and district health authority." Only nursing homes which also provide board and personal care for people other than nursing cases must be registered with the local authority as well as the health authority.

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA GIBLIN
(Registration and inspection officer),
17 Church Street,
Ilfracombe, North Devon.

Oil industry safety

From Dr C. Wright

Sir, Dr Bryan Taylor's letter (September 9) wrongly attributed to me alleged remarks concerning attitudes to health and safety in the offshore oil and gas industry.

I did not say that a "climate of fear" exists in the industry or that workers are "risking life and limb". I can only assume that Dr Taylor was misled by reports after a rather confused press conference at the recent British Association meeting at Keele (details, September 2).

Yours faithfully,
C. WRIGHT,
University of Aberdeen,
Department of Sociology,
Dunbar Street, Aberdeen.
September 16.

Independents reflect on A levels and teacher training

From the Headmaster of Portsmouth Grammar School

Sir, At no stage has the Headmasters' Conference opposed the national testing system, as you aver in your leading article of September 16, "The open road".

Independent schools are well aware of the need for a national system which guarantees all pupils the knowledge they require and results which can be verified. But HMC has opposed the extraordinarily cumbersome arrangements which have evolved in respect of testing and in its submissions it questions the wisdom of such a complex exercise. Sir Ron Dearing, in his interim report on the national curriculum, certainly indicated his agreement (report, August 3).

Nor is HMC in any way opposed to the publication of examination results. Independent schools have over many years published their results in detail for parents and other interested parties, but they share general concern that league tables as currently presented can distort, can damage those schools serving less able pupils well, and can be wilfully misinterpreted by the press. The multiplicity of interpretations in different newspapers is clear proof.

Moreover, HMC has consistently indicated to the Secretary of State and the Department for Education serious statistical shortcomings in the way in which information is collected, leading to the omission of some pupils' results and the distortion of schools' performance.

You also state that HMC has launched an "attack on A levels": this is not so and has been simplified. HMC has been a consistent defender of the values of A levels, a system which has stimulated the able and proved challenging. Such values are abolished at the nation's peril.

However, there is a growing view that A levels alone no longer provide the total solution for a nation and that 16-19 education (and probably 14-19) needs a more coherent structure.

We do not compare favourably with our continental neighbours in the numbers remaining profitably in full-time education beyond 16. Nor, despite the government's recent vocational innovations, do we respond as coherently as our neighbours to the needs of those who are less academically gifted. It would be the height of complacency if we did not at least discuss the question of alternative systems and examine their merits.

HMC holds the view that A levels should not be removed unless a demonstrably better system can be adopted and until such time as any such system has been carefully tested and proved more suited to the needs of our young. The able need stimulus, too, just as we must better attend to the needs of those who enter employment earlier.

HMC's role has been to question certain precipitate changes, inconsistencies and inadequacies. I do not view that as wrong-headed, as your leader stated. HMC must discharge its responsibilities to its own pupils while bearing in mind the needs of students in all sectors and of all abilities.

Yours faithfully,
TONY EVANS
(Chairman, HMC Academic Policy Sub-committee),
The Portsmouth Grammar School,
High Street, Portsmouth, Hampshire.
September 17.

From the Principal of the United World College of the Atlantic

Sir, Your report of September 15 on the "campaign" by public school heads to ditch A levels was an all too familiar repetition of a theme that has run through the press and educational circles over many years.

The Higginson report of 1988 was probably the last careful analysis of what was needed in sixth-form education, and the introduction of AS levels was at least a positive recognition that things were not right. Neither Higginson nor AS really got to the heart of the matter, in that neither proposed that a range of disciplines should be a compulsory part of the programme but rather continued with the à la carte mentality.

The international baccalaureate, which has been in existence for more than 25 years, requires that all students study languages, literature, humanities, sciences and mathematics. By an elegant system of higher and subsidiary levels it ensures that both breadth and depth are maintained. The system works, and universities and institutions of higher education worldwide, perhaps to their own amazement, seem to be becoming rather fond of it.

Yours sincerely,
COLIN JENKINS, Principal,
United World College of the Atlantic,
St Donat's Castle,
Llantwit Major, South Glamorgan.
September 16.

From Professor Richard A. Pring

Sir, You report (September 16) that the Secretary of State threatens to halt teacher training in universities that refuse to send students to independent schools. Oxford University's education department was quoted (although not by Mr Patten). It is important to put the record straight.

In the 1970s, this department cultivated partnerships with groups of schools, designed to include all types. The leaders were Eton, Malvern and Marlborough. As the department moved closer to partnerships with schools (before this was government policy), it became necessary to develop more focused relationships.

These were carefully negotiated. A series of meetings were conducted in the mid-1980s under the leadership of the chairman of the HMC, Dennis Silk. It was agreed that experience in a comprehensive school prepared for all kinds of teaching (including that in independent schools) whereas the converse was not true. This principle was endorsed by the representatives of HMC.

Subsequently, the Oxford University internship scheme has developed a close partnership with the Oxfordshire schools in preparing teachers for every type of secondary school. It has been acclaimed by secretaries of state, HMI and teachers as a model for school-focused teacher education.

There is one difficulty. The scheme is so popular that more schools wish to join than the university can accommodate. Therefore, new applicants have to join the queue. Mr Patten shared last year the celebration of our centenary. All this was explained to him then. Therefore, I and the 28 headteachers associated with us are surprised that he now threatens a scheme of such quality.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD PRING (Director),
Department of Educational Studies,
University of Oxford,
15 Norham Gardens, Oxford.
September 17.

From Mr G. J. A. Hunter

Sir, I believe universities and colleges are wise to be wary of placing their student teachers in independent schools. Only state-sector schools are *required* to follow the national curriculum. Any trainee teacher who completed a substantial part of his or her teaching practices in private schools not adhering to the national curriculum would lack experience of implementing it and would therefore not be fully prepared when subsequently teaching in state schools.

It is more important that the curricula of all independent schools used in the placement of student teachers are carefully vetted to ensure that the requirements of the national curriculum are met, at least in a broad sense. Failure to do this could result in many qualified, but inadequately prepared, new teachers in state schools.

Yours sincerely,
G. J. A. HUNTER,
Mathematics Department,
St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill,
Waldegrave Road,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
September 16.

Millwall election

From Mr John Goulandris

Sir, The sight of all three mainstream party political leaders falling over themselves to condemn the British National Party's narrow victory in Tower Hamlets (report, September 17) would be comical, were it not for the underlying seriousness of the election result there.

Politicians reap what they sow. If conventional politicians consistently deny the public what they want — capital punishment, severer sentencing of criminals, tighter rules on immigration — then inevitably parties will form to fill the political void.

It is not enough for Messrs Major, Smith and Ashdown to speak loudly against the British National Party. Instead they must offer the electorate policies which appeal — deeds not words. Danger lurks for democracy whenever politicians are in accord with each other but out of step with the electorate.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GOULANDRIS,
44 Church Road,
Sneyd Park, Bristol, Avon.
September 20.

From Mr Malcolm Pheasey

Sir, I am concerned that the three main political parties condemn the election of a member of the BNP to Tower Hamlets Council. Although I, too, am saddened that the BNP won, I must applaud the effective working of the democratic process. Its built-in checks and balances have operated efficiently here and this election will now send a very strong message to the remainder of the council to review its policies.

Yours democratically,
MALCOLM PHEASEY,
30 Broad Oaks Road,
Solihull, West Midlands.
September 18.

From Mr Robin Hill

Sir, Let this government beware. The election of the BNP member, Derek Beackon, in Tower Hamlets is in an area where there are over 9,000 names on the waiting list for council homes, whilst about 1,000 properties in the private sector stand empty, overshadowed by the mocking symbol of Canary Wharf.

The Conservatives' persistent refusal to replace sold-off council houses and the shallow reasoning by which local authorities are denied the use of the proceeds of these sales for rebuilding are a recipe for disaster.

Failure to house the people will fuel racial tensions in our fragile multi-racial society.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN HILL,
Hillside, Fifield, Oxford.
September 19.

From Mr Kenneth Fee

Sir, It is disappointing that none of the commentators on the Millwall by-election shock seems to have made the point that, under a civilised system of proportional representation, the BNP would not have won the seat.

I am etc,
KENNETH FEE,
157 Urrdale Road,
Dumbreck, Glasgow.

Depression and ME

From Mr Nicholas Anderson

Sir, Since Dr Stuttaford prefers the "depression" theory of ME (Body and Mind, September 14) and Dr Simon Wessely, who writes on the same page, specialises in chronic fatigue, the reader may be left with the impression that ME "starts in the mind", as the headline to Dr Stuttaford's article put it.

However, several recent research studies have shown that the level of depression found in ME sufferers is no greater than in those suffering from cancer or multiple sclerosis — i.e., the normal result of chronic illness.

Work at the Institute of Nuclear Medicine is showing that the blood-flow through the brains of people with ME is different from that in depressed patients and healthy controls. The vast majority of sufferers identify the start of their illness with a viral infection such as flu or glandular fever. The World Health Organisation lists ME as "a disease of the nervous system". The Department of Health recognises its physical basis and the next update of the DSS's disability handbook will list it under "other neurological disorders".

That Simon Wessely has apparently not encountered ME patients who have had epileptic fits or "claw hands" perhaps demonstrates that being expert in chronic fatigue is not the same as being expert in ME.

Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS ANDERSON
(Director),
Action for ME,
7 Priory Road, Wells, Somerset.
September 14.

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Peace in Ireland

From Mr John D. Taylor, MP for Strangford (Ulster Unionist)

Sir, As Republican and Loyalist paramilitaries increase their killing and bombing, we in Belfast look with envy at the breakthrough in the Middle East and yearn for the day when peace will return to Northern Ireland.

It is worth recording that the Middle East initiative is the result of the Palestinians recognising Israel's right to exist and Israel accepting the PLO as the Palestinian people's representative body. This agreement to mutual respect and recognition is the foundation for the Middle East peace agreement.

Can the same not occur in Ireland? Surely the time has come for the Republic of Ireland to recognise Northern Ireland's position as part of the United Kingdom, as is the democratic wish of most people living in Northern Ireland.

This would require the Dublin government to follow the example of Israel and the PLO and extend to Northern Ireland the necessary mutual respect and recognition that is a prerequisite for a lasting settlement.

This does mean, however, that the republic would have to drop its offensive claim to jurisdiction over Northern Ireland as defined in articles 2 and 3 of the Southern Irish constitution.

The result would be an overwhelming response of friendship and co-operation from the people of Northern Ireland; the IRA in one sweep would have lost its jurisdiction for violence in Ulster; and a new era of peace would arise throughout Ireland.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN D. TAYLOR,
House of Commons.
September 14.

Uneasy street

From Mr T. C. V. Packman

Sir, The hole diggers of Westminster are not so quick off the mark as their country cousins (Mr Michael Sydney's letter, September 15). On Wednesday, May 5, Kent County Council resurfaced one half of the lane outside my house. By the time the workmen returned the following day to complete the job BT had already dug a neat hole through the new surface.

Yours faithfully,
THEO VANCE PACKMAN,
Court Lodge, Groombridge,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
September 15.

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BALMORAL CASTLE

September 20: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by General Sir Patrick Palmer (Constable and Governor, Windsor Castle) at the funeral of Lady Grandy, which was held in the Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park, this morning.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Johnston.

The Duke and Duchess of York were represented by Mrs Jonathan Mathias.

The Prince Edward was represented by Mr Roland Wiseman.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Mrs Fiona Henderson.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

September 20: The Duke of York this morning left Heathrow Airport, London, for Canada.

Captain Neil Blair RN, Mr Geoffrey Crawford and Captain Rupert Maitland-Tinerton were in attendance.

The Prince Edward , President, this evening attended the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain Development Evening at the Imagination Gallery, 25 Store Street, London WC1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, International Equestrian Federation, this morning attended an Executive Board Meeting at Buckingham Palace.

Her Royal Highness, Member, International Olympic Committee, this afternoon left Royal Air Force Northolt to attend the One Hundred and First International Olympic Commitee Session in Monaco.

KENSINGTON PALACE

September 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick at the funeral of Lady Grandy, which was held in the Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park, this morning.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 20: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon launched the National Almshouse Week at the Charterhouse, Charterhouse Square, London EC1. Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent wre represented by Mrs Fiona Henderson at the funeral of Lady Grandy, which was held at the Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park, this morning.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

Princess Alexandra was represented by Rear Admiral Sir John Garnier at the memorial service for Mr Rowan Bentall which was held at All Saints Parish Church, Kingston upon Thames, this evening.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Centrepoint Soho, will open the Mother and Baby project at Breakspears Road, SE4, at 11.00.

Princess Margaret will open Minnie Kidd House, West Lambeth Community Care (NHS) Trust's nursing home for the elderly at Hazelbourne Road, SW4, at 2.45.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Council of King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, will attend a charity reception at Kensington Palace at 7.00.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Isle of Man Newspapers at Peel Road, Douglas, at noon; will visit St Bridget's Hospice, Kensington Road, at 2.30; and will attend a banquet at Castletown Golf Links Hotel, Fort Island, at 7.30 in aid of St Bridget's Hospice.

Dinner

Corporation of London

The Corporation of London gave a dinner last night at the Mansion House to mark the centenary of the London Court of International Arbitration. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies received the guests. Among those present were: The President of the London Court of International Arbitration and Lady Kerr, Lord and Lady Wilberforce, Lord and Lady Ackner, Lord and Lady Slynn of Hadley, Lord Dervaird, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Taylor of Gosforth, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Bingham, the Attorney-General and Lady Lyell, the Hon Douglas Hogg, MP, and Mrs Hogg, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their guests.

Memorial service

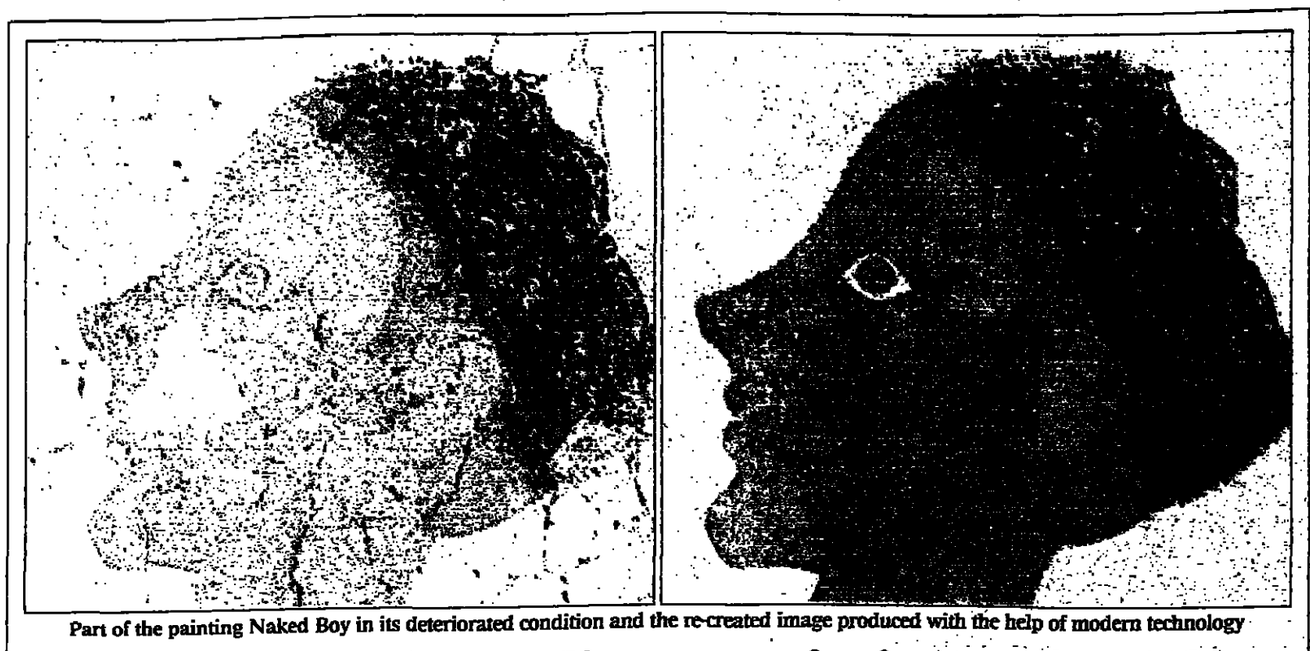
Mr Rowan Bentall

Princess Alexandra was represented by Rear-Admiral Sir John Garnier at a celebration of the life of Mr Rowan Bentall was held yesterday at All Saints' Church, Kingston upon Thames. The Rev James Bates officiated.

Councillor Mrs Jane Smith, Mayor of Kingston-upon-Thames, and Mr Alastair Bentall, son, non-executive director of Bentalls, read the lessons. Mr David Jacobs, Representative Deputy Lieutenant of Kingston upon Thames, read *In Death is no Division* by William Penn and Mr Peter Jarvis gave an address.

Queen's Counsel

Advocates in private practice who hold full rights of audience in the High Court or the Crown Court and who wish to be considered for appointment as Queen's Counsel should apply to David Stobie, Lord Chancellor's Department, Committee Corridor, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW (telephone: 071 219 5918 or 071 219 2808) for an application form. The form should be returned as soon as possible. *Applications will not be accepted* after midnight on October 15.



Part of the painting Naked Boy in its deteriorated condition and the re-created image produced with the help of modern technology

Computer gives Minoan paintings a facelift

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

COMPUTER technology has been used to "restore" 3,500-year-old wall paintings from the Aegean island of Thera without damaging the originals. As a result the murals can be seen as they were when created as decorations for rich Minoan households.

The re-creation was carried out by digitising full-sized colour photographs of the murals, which have been painstakingly reassembled by Greek government conservators since the Akrotiri site was first excavated nearly 30 years ago. Akrotiri was overwhelmed by the colossal eruption of the Santorini volcano in about 1628 BC, and the settlement buried under many feet of ash.

This filled up the rooms, preserving buildings up to three storeys high, with many of their wall paintings still in place. They included both simple figures such as a youth holding his catch of fish, and an elaborate marine pageant set against a rocky landscape.

Several rooms have been reassembled in the National Museum in Athens, but many more of the fragile plaster-based paintings remain in store. The Thera Foundation, which has established a conference centre on the island and conducted a series of international conferences on its archaeology and vulcanology, is planning an exhibition of replicas at the centre. Visitors and islanders will thus be able to see something of the discoveries that cannot be left on the site.

Serge Briez, who carried out the recording of the murals, has developed the technique he calls archaeosynthesis to counter the damaging effects of time and show the paintings as they were seen in the sunlight of the Bronze Age.

The principal problems are that some parts of the plaster have crumbled away over the centuries, leaving holes in the paintings; and that when the fragments are reassembled there are innumerable cracks breaking up the design.

A panel showing a naked boy in profile, holding a long-handled bowl, was chosen for the first experiment in archaeosynthesis. He is one of four male figures participating in a kind of ritual that line the walls of a room in the building known as Xeste 3.

The first step was to reduce the image of the surviving, fairly complete, painting to a series of digitised pixels on computer; the next was to fill in the gaps. This was carried out by Mme Dominique Piau, an artist who analysed the style of the panel in relation to others at Akrotiri. She deduced that the figure had been drawn from life, holding a heavy bowl, from the way that his muscles flexed.

Colour for the missing sections was calculated from that of adjacent areas, and cracks were similarly bridged. The result is a colour image lacking omissions and re-creating the texture of the original as far as possible. It also has the great advantages of being instantly changeable to incorporate new data, such as a missing fragment, and of leaving the actual painting untouched.

The foundation plans to display the synthetic re-creations alongside replicas of the 41 panels. The exhibit will be shown in Thera during the tourist season, and also around the world, the foundation hopes.

Latest wills

Mr Malcolm **Graham**, of Claverley, Salop, former proprietor of the Wolverhampton *Express and Star* and *Shropshire Star*, a founding director of Star News Shops, one of Britain's largest chains of retail newsagents, a former Chairman of the Press Associaiton, director of Reuters, and President of the Newspaper Society in 1956, left estate valued at £4,237,971 net. He left £40,000 to Compton Hall, Wolverhampton, £20,000 each to Tettenhall College, and St Anthony's Cheshire Home, Penn, £10,000 to the Wolverhampton Samaritans, £5,000 each to Claverley Parish Church and Lichfield Cathedral, both for the upkeep of the fabric, and the remainder of his estate mostly to his wife.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mr Walter MacDonald Campbell **Black**, of Sherborne St John, Hampshire ..... £636,896.

Mrs Rhoda **Brooks**, of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire ..... £589,832.

Mr Hugh Farr Bathurst **Brown**, of Twickenham, West London ..... £1,412,326.

Mrs Ada Annie Gertrude **Hackett**, of Bingham, Nottinghamshire ..... £567,079.

Birthdays and anniversaries

Birthdays today

Mr Ian Albery, impresario, 57; Mr Austen Albu, former MP, 90; Lord Barnard, 70; Mr Leonard Cohen, singer, poet and composer, 59; Mrs Shirley Conran, writer, 61; Mr William Dacombe, banker, 59; Miss Mary Fetherston-Dilke, former matron-in-chief, QARNNS, 75; Miss Susan Fleetwood, actress, 49; General Sir John Gibbon, 76; Mr Larry Hagman, actor, 62; Professor J.M. Ham, electrical engineer, 73.

Mr John Hoddinott, chief constable, Hampshire, 49; Sir Colin Imray, diplomat, 60; Lord Ironside, 69; Mr Robert Lawrence, chief constable, South Wales, 51; Professor Sir Hugh Lloyd-Jones, Professor of Greek, 71; Sir Ian MacGregor, former chairman, National Coal Board, 81; Sir Peter Matthews, company director, 71; Mr Anthony Millard, headmaster, Giggleswick School, 45; Sir William Nield, civil servant, 80.

Miss Jean Robertson, former matron-in-chief, QARNNS, 65; Mr John A. Smith, deputy commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 55; Mr Trevor Steven, footballer, 30; Sir Brian Unwin, former chairman, Board of HM Customs and Excise, 58; Professor Bernard Williams, philosopher, 64; Mr Jimmy Young, broadcaster, 70.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John McAdam, inventor of the road surface of that name, Ayr, 1756; Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland 1806-10, Ajaccio, Corsica, 1778; H.G. Wells, novelist, Bromley, Kent, 1866; Gustave Holst, composer, Cheltenham, 1874; Sir Allen Lane, publisher, *founder of Penguin Books (1936)*, Bristol, 1902.

DEATHS: Virgil, Roman poet, Brundisium (Brindisi), 19 BC; King Edward II, reigned 1307-27, murdered, Berkeley Castle, Gloucestershire, 1327; Sir Walter Scott, novelist and poet, Abbotsford, Borders, 1832; Lord George Bentinck, sportsman and statesman, Welbeck Abbey, Nottinghamshire, 1848; Arthur Schopenhauer, philosopher, Frankfurt, 1860; Sir Montague Burton, multiple tailor, Leeds, 1952; Henry de Montherlant, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1972.

Prince Charles Edward defeated the English at the battle of Prestonpans, 1745.

Northwood College

The College, originally founded in 1878 in London, has this year celebrated 100 years in Northwood. Open Day for visitors is Saturday, October 16. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at the Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, November 6, at noon for the life of Miss D.J. Worger, who was Head Mistress of the College from 1938-1966. Mrs Jill Burridge, a researcher and presenter for the BBC will be the Guest of Honour at Speech Day on December 16. Victoria Etherington continues as Head Girl and Emma Brown as her Assistant.

Appointment

The Lord Chancellor has appointed the Honourable Mr Justice Mummery to be President of the Employment Appeal Tribunal for a period of three years from October 1.

Mr Justice Mummery succeeds the Honourable Mr Justice Wood MC.

Marriages

Dr A.L. Davis
and Dr J.F. Povey

The marriage took place on September 11 at St Joseph's Church, Bromley, of Adrian, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Davis, of Sale, Cheshire, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Povey, of Bickley, Kent. Father Patrick Pearson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Marie Claire Leniy and Helen Davis. Dr John Davis was best man.

A reception was held at Bickley Manor.

Mr E.C. Ryall
and Mlle H. Mauriac

The marriage took place on September 11 in Bordeaux, France, of Edward, son of Dr and Mrs R.D.H. Ryall, of Winchester, and Hélène, youngest daughter of M and Mme Bruno Mauriac, of Bordeaux.

Retirement

The Honourable Mr Justice Wood MC will retire from the High Court Bench on September 30.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J. Bailey
and Miss L.E.A. Bannatyne

Mr and Mrs Norman Bailey, of Little Gaddesden, are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Alastair, to Lynda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fred Bannatyne, of Gumly Gumly, Wagga Wagga.

Dr A.K. Bolsworth-Browne
and Miss S.D.J. Cook

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of the late Mr Graham Browne and of Mrs Dora Browne, of Durban, South Africa, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John C. Cook, of Sunningdale, Berkshire.

Mr T.C. Brady
and Miss S.C. Middleton

The engagement is announced between Terence, younger son of the late Mr T.D.F. Brady and of Mrs I.M. Brady-Heraud, of Braughing, Hertfordshire, and Clare, daughter of Dr and Mrs H.N. Middleton, of L'Escala, Spain.

Mr M. Edwards
and Miss J.A. Bamforth

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.H. Edwards, of Liverpool, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Bamforth, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr A.S.B. Hayward
and Miss P.D. O'Rorke

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Sir Anthony and Lady Hayward, of Sandwich, Kent, and Tish, third daughter of the late Colonel Charles O'Rorke, RAMC, and Mrs O'Rorke.

Mr A.V. Hobday
and Miss V.C.M. Pereira

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BLACKETT-ORD - On September 15th, to Sarah and John, a son, Harry John Hamilton, a brother for Rose and Flora.

DALLIBAR - On 14th September, to Siobhan (née Mulcahy) and Paul, a son, Nicholas James.

DANIELL - On Saturday 18th September, to Sarah (née Hunter-Jones) and Anthony, a daughter, Georgina Lucy, a sister for Harry and Jamie.

FREEMAN - On September 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Marietta and Christopher, twin boys, Matthew and Timothy, brothers to Nicolas.

HENNESSY - On September 18th at the Wellington Hospital, to Vanessa (née Stanger) and Karl, a beautiful tiny daughter, Georgia Imogen, a sister for Tatiana.

LAZARUS - On August 25th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Deborah (née Howard) and Richard, a daughter, Victoria Jane Emily, a sister for Alexander and Oliver. Always remembering William (June 1991), so much missed.

LYONS - On Friday 17th September at Pembury Hospital, to Annette (née Lambert) and Gerard, a beautiful baby daughter, Marie Louise, a sister for Emily Anne.

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NORDIGIAN - On September 12th at the Wellington Hospital, to Jane and Vago, a beautiful son, Max, a brother for Chloe.

PIKE - On September 6th, to Nikki (née Williams) and David, a son, Hamish Nicholl Cathcart.

REECE - On September 19th, to Noreta (née Moynihan) and Paul, a daughter, Rachel Sarah Louise, a sister for Daniel.

ROYALL - On 12th September in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Penny (nee Allan) and Sven, a son, Edward John, a brother for Katie.

SILCOCK - On September 18th, to Maaike (née Traill) and George, a son, Charles Arthur.

THIBAULT-MATERN - On September 17th at the Wellington Hospital, to Sonia and Nicolas, a daughter, Kira, a sister for Oliver.

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THOMPSON - On September 18th at Greenwich Hospital, to Josephine (née Gravenor) and Myles, a son, William Yates.

WARDLE - On 11th September, to Caroline (née Thomas) and Douglas, a son, George Benjamin, a brother for Richard.

WELLS - On Friday 17th September 1993, to Sally (née Davies) and Simon, a son, Dominic, a brother for Matthew.

WILLIAMS - On Wednesday 15th September 1993, to Simon and Monica (née Nixon), a son, Christopher John Simon (Jack), a brother for Nicholas and Edward.

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DEATHS

BEECH - Tom of (Regent Garage and Edmonton Lodge) Lillington, Leamington Spa. Husband of the late Daisy, died 17th September 1993. Funeral Service and interment at St Mary's Church, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, on Monday 27th September at 12 noon.

BURST - Christian Mary (née Robertson), widow of the late Lt. Col. Thomas Powrie Burst RAMC. Peacefully on 16th September 1993 at St Luke's Hospital, Oxford. Funeral at Aldershot Crematorium on 22nd September at 2 pm. No flowers please; any donation to the charity of your choice.

COCKSHOTT - On 19th September, William Peter, Professor of Radiology, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, in St Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, Ontario, a week after having participated in the World Congress of Radiology of which he was a leading organiser. He is missed by two wives and three children.

DEATHS

COOK - On September 16th, suddenly at home, Dr. Josephine Cook M.B., Ph.D., one time S/O W.R.N.S. Much loved sister of Bill and Nick. Funeral 3 pm on Monday 27th September at Putney Vale Crematorium. No flowers. Donations to British Heart Foundation.

COVENTRY - M.M. Frances: Suddenly at home, widow of Dudley and long time companion of much loved Morley Lawson. Funeral at The Brompton Oratory on Thursday 23rd September at 11 am, followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 3.45 pm.

DAVIES - Dr. Graham Davies, of Harlton, Cambridge, died suddenly on Monday September 13th 1993, on the isle of Iona, Scotland. Beloved son of Jessie, father of Kerry and Beric, stepfather to Mark, friend and companion to Sally, former husband and friend of Liz, a guide to Oonagh. *Mentor to friends*, colleagues, students and patients. Graham will be resting at 33 Eltisley Avenue, Newnham, Cambridge, Monday September 20th, Wednesday September 22nd. Please call Cambridge 364526. Funeral at Drift Cottage, 116 Eversden Road, Harlton, Cambridge, Thursday September 23rd at 1.30 pm.

FIELD - On 17th September, peacefully, E.R. (Dick), aged 81 years, of Crawley Down, Sussex. Enquiries to Tapper Funeral Service, tel: Poole (0202) 673164.

FISHER - Brigadier Richard Harry, OBE, MC, RA (retd), on September 19th at home, beloved husband of Suzanne and dearly loved father of Robin, Simon, Jono and Judy. Funeral at St Anne's Church, Catterick Village, at 4 pm Friday September 24th. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Royal Artillery Benevolent Fund c/o John Blenkiron, 19 Victoria Road, Richmond, Yorks.

GALBRAITH - On September 17th 1993, peacefully at home, Doctor Hugh-James Bowen Galbraith F.R.C.P. aged 68. Beloved husband of Marjorie, much loved father of Mary Anne, Janet and Kirstie Grace and grandfather of Jutta, Louisa, Griffin, Conor and Harriet. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Tuesday 28th September at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers donations if desired to Melvill Sheppard Fund for Trained Nurses c/o T. Pennack & Sons Funeral Directors, 1/3 Maldon Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 7DW.

DEATHS

GIBBONS - On September 13th in hospital after a short illness, Stanley Gibbons, former boxer, actor and stuntman. Late of South London and more recently Ramsgate, Kent. Funeral at South London Crematorium on September 24th at 1.30pm. All enquiries to Dowsett & Jenkins (081) 769-3181.

GRUBB - On September 19th 1993, peacefully at home, Major Michael Watkins Grubb, late the Border Regiment. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service on Thursday 23rd September 2.30pm at St Michael's Church, North Cadbury. Family flowers only, donations if desired to be shared between the friends of St Michael's, North Cadbury and Castle Cary Branch of the Royal British Legion c/o Mr Harold F Miles Funeral Director, South Cadbury, Yeovil, Somerset. tel: (0963) 40367.

HAWKINGS - Peter Frederick on September 19th 1993 of The Ford, Greywell, Hants. A warmly loved and loving husband and father. Cremation family only.

HEMENS - On 18th September, suddenly, at home, Arthur Edmund (AEH) in his 91st year. Much loved husband of Mary, father of Margaret, Ann and Michael, grandfather, great-grandfather, colleague and friend. Private cremation at Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham, on Monday 27th September. Memorial Service to be arranged.

HEYWOOD - Pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Mary O'Farrell Heywood, aged 66. Passed away September 20th 1993 in hospital at Hull. Beloved wife of the late Charles Philip, dear mother of Charles, Brigid and Sheiagh, grandma of Chloe and Catherine Anne, survived by her brother Timothy and sister Maureen. To be received into St Vincent's Church, Queens Road, Thursday 4pm. Requiem Mass Friday 11.45am prior to cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to the Cancer Trust, Princess Royal Hospital, Salisbyouse Road, Hull, would be appreciated.

HOPKINSON - On 19th September 1993, peacefully, Greta Karin Louise, aged 91 years, of Brockenhurst, Hants. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Brockenhurst, on Friday 24th September at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations to "Forest Oaks Gift Fund" c/o Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Hants.

KEYES - On Sunday September 19th 1993 at Victoria Vicarage, Huddersfield, Griselda Mary (née Packe). Adored wife of Roger, very much loved and loving mother of Gini, Charles, Johnnie, Josa and Chub and thier families. Funeral Service at St John the Evangelist Church, Colcar, on Wednesday September 22nd at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to the Vicarage, or if desired donations in lieu to the Colcar District Nurses c/o The Vicarage, Church Street, Colcar, Huddersfield HD7 4PX. Enquiries to the Taylor Funeral Service Ltd. tel: (0484) 656156.

KUCEK - Karel Jan on September 19th 1993, beloved husband of Mary and father of Patrick, Maria, Margarita and Pavla, peacefully in hospital after a long and courageous fight. Family funeral. No flowers but donations please to The National Foundation for Diabetes or The Alzheimers Disease Society.

LARTHE - On 20th September 1993 Mungo 9 months old, darling son of Prune and Richard.

LEES - At Crieff, on 19th September 1993, Ethel M.B. Adamson M.A., dear wife of the late David Savidge Lees (Physicist ICI Billingham), formerly of Strathearn Court and Rockearn, Crieff and Edgegarth, Norton on Tees.

MAYHEW - Sidney, peacefully on 19th September, father of Janet and Alison and grandfather of Caroline, Juliette and David.

NICHOLSON - On September 18th 1993, suddenly at home, Peter Francis Colsham aged 79, late 6th Gurkha Rifles, Indian Political Service and Colonial Service (Nyasaland). Loving husband of Betty and father of Joanna, Griselda, Mark and Brigid, father-in-law and grandfather of Benedict, William, Hannah and Tayaba. Greatly missed by all his family and friends. Donations if desired to The Gurkha Welfare Trust, Marchmead, Priory Road, Forest Row, Sussex RH18 5HR. Enquiries to J. Rymer, 15 & 17 Penleys Grove Street, York YO3 7PW, tel: (0904) 624320.

PHILPOTT - Peacefully at Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, on September 14th 1993, Peter William, beloved husband of Pamela and a true friend to many. Funeral Service will be held at St Michael and All Angels Church, Wilmington, on Friday September 24th at 1.45 pm followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 3 pm. Flowers or donations if desired to Intensive Care, Joyce Green Hospital. Flowers and donations please to Leverton Funeral Services, 56 Lowfield Street, Dartford, (0322) 225216.

ROBERTSON - Douglas William, CMG, DSO, MC, died peacefully at home on 19th September 1993, aged 94 years. Younger son of the late Rev. John A. Robertson MA., much loved brother of Aileen, Viscountess Slim. Service at Warriston Crematorium Cloister Chapel on Thursday September 23rd at 12.15 pm to which all friends are invited.

ROBINSON-SMITH - Anthea (Fanny), peacefully on September 18th after a long illness, wife and partner of Steve for over 10 years, dearly loved by her twin children, Hayley and Daniel, enjoyed by her brother Dominick and all his family and very much loved by her parents Rosemary and Niall. Funeral private.

ROBINSON - Robert Joseph on 17th September 1993 peacefully at home aged 81. Beloved husband of Joan, father of Caroline and Robert, grandfather of Amy and Joanna, Andrew and Richard. Family funeral. Flowers to Barrow Bros., 2 Nursery Road, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 1NG.

SHAMMAS - On Friday September 17th 1993, in Raisya, Lebanon, Shukri Hanna, Beloved husband of Olga Khouri and the father of Imam, Nizam, Hiyam, Siham, the late Muram, and Angelique, Caesar and Mona. Shukri Shammas was a distinguished engineer, business figure and educator. He was one of the three founders of C.A.T. Company which pioneered modern contracting techniques in the Middle East and branched out to Europe, the United States, the Far East and Africa. He was Mayor of Raisya, Chairman of the Raisya Company and of Tourism & Hotel Development Corporation S.A.L., President of Mothercat Limited and Managing Partner of C.A.T. Company and its subsidiaries as well as Chairman of Altime Tourist Complex Limited, owners of the Sheraton Limassol Hotel & Resort and the Limassol Pleasure Harbour, in Cyprus. In addition to numerous other important positions, he served for many years on the Board of Trustees of the American University of Beirut. He was decorated for his achievements and social contributions by the Greek Orthodox Church in 1966 and 1967 and he was honoured with the Cedars National Medal by the Lebanese Government in 1972. The funeral took place on Sunday September 19th at Mohaidetha Greek Orthodox Church in Lebanon.

SHEER - On September 17th in Surrey, Frank Eric formerly of Putney London, Melbourne and Sydney. Deerly loved husband of Margery and devoted and much loved father of Jonathan. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on September 24th at 12 noon.

SIMONS - Peacefully on 18th September at her home in Rumney, Cardiff, Fanny Mary. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Resting at Roath Court Funeral Home, until the funeral service at St Mellons Church on Friday 24th September at 3 pm. Afterwards at Thornhill Crematorium. Cut flowers may be sent to James Summers and Son, Roath Court Funeral Home, Newport Road, Cardiff.

SOMERSET - On 18th September 1993 Mary, widow of Cecil of Castle Goring, aged 96. Funeral at All Saints' Church, Hartock, on Friday 24th September at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations to Hartock Church.

STREATFIELD - On September 19th 1993, suddenly Joan, widow of John. Cremation had funeral private. Thanksgiving service on Friday September 24th at 2.30 pm in Symondsbury. Donations to Joseph Weld Hospice, c/o A.J. Wakeley, Bridport.

STRUTT - Lucy, widow of the Hon. Rupert, on September 16th. Funeral Powtis Wester Parish Church, Perthshire, 3pm Wednesday September 22nd. Memorial Service later in Essex. Family flowers only. Any donations to McMillan Nurses c/o George Gadd & Son, 17 Broich Terrace, Crieff PH7 3BD.

VITTACHI - Vardnira Tarzie, peacefully at his home in Chinnor on September 17th 1993, aged 71 years. Funeral 1 pm Thursday September 23rd at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, followed by funeral service at 2 pm at The Quakers Meeting House, Old Jordans, Bucks.

WHELEN - Christopher, died at home, Cumnor, Oxford, on Saturday 18th September 1993. The funeral service will be held on Thursday 23rd September at 2.15 pm in St Cross Church, Oxford.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

APPLETON - A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Bishop George Appleton will be held at St Botolph's Church, Aldgate, London EC3, on Wednesday October 13th at 3 pm. All are welcome.

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OBITUARIES

OSCAR SPENCER

Oscar Spencer, CMG, economic consultant, formerly of the Malayan Civil Service and the United Nations, died on September 12 aged 79. He was born on December 12, 1913.

A LEADING economist in the developing world since the second world war, Oscar Spencer helped steer Malaya towards independence. British Guiana, the Sudan, Ethiopia and the Seychelles were among countries which at one time or another profited from his experience and vision. But his decade in Malaya was the most significant. Arriving in Kuala Lumpur in 1950, a year before communist rebels murdered Sir Henry Gurney, the British High Commissioner, he helped rebuild and underpin the postwar Malayan economy.

He organised financial support for rubber planters, which enabled them to reconstruct their vital industry which had beeen devastated during the Japanese occupation. He was also deeply involved with the country's tin and electricity industries and was chairman of the Malayan Central Electricity Board.

In his capacity as economic secretary and, at one time, minister for economic affairs he became a familiar figure at international meetings, sometimes leading the Malayan delegation. In May 1953, while flying to one such conference in Europe, he narrowly escaped death when the Comet airliner carrying the Malayan ministers and officials crashed at Calcutta airport. For once heeding a premonition from his wife, Spencer had switched aircraft at the last minute.

An adviser at the 1956 and 1957 constitutional conferences in London at which the details of independence were thrashed out, he went on to draw up the first economic plan for the new post-independence government under Tunku Abdul Rahman. He became not only a trusted aide, but a close friend of the Tunku who made him a Knight of the Order of Defenders of the Realm, a rare honour for a European, and one which entitled him to use the initials PMN. The prime minister even invited him to take out Malayan nationality with the ambassador's job in Paris as an inducement.



But Spencer politely declined. He would have liked his masters at the Colonial Office to offer him a governor's post in the dwindling empire. As no such offer materialised he quietly packed his bags in 1960 and moved on.

Recruited by the UN's technical assistance service, Spencer spent the next four years in the Sudan, liaising between the Khartoum government and the World Bank which had just provided the Sudan with a large loan. From there he moved to Ethiopia, first as a senior official at the UN Economic Commission for Africa then, after 1966, as financial adviser to the government in Addis Ababa. Expelled by the Marxist regime which overthrew the Emperor Haile Selassie, he retired from the UN in 1976 — only to be snapped up by the Seychelles government. After working there for seven more years as economic adviser, he retired for the last time in 1983 at the age of 70.

Oscar Spencer was born at Eastleigh, Hampshire, the son of the Madrid correspondent of *The Daily Telegraph*. But his father died of typhoid fever when Oscar was six months old and he was brought up by his mother — who ran her own milliner's shop in the King's Road, Chelsea. From Mayfield College, Sussex, Spencer went to the London School of Economics where he took the only first of his year, won the Prenchand Prize in banking and currency and became a John Coleman postgraduate scholar in business administration.

After two years work with the Manhattan Bank in London, Spencer was commissioned into the Royal Army Service Corps (RASC), and was posted to Somalia, then to the Eighth Army in the Western Desert. He took part in the Sicily landings and spent the rest of the second world war fighting in Italy. He "liberated" San Marino with his batman, fortunately arriving after the Germans had fled. The locals, who had expected at least a battalion, were non-plussed by the sight of two men from the RASC. But Spencer soon showed them his worth, by procuring a full tanker of precious petrol. They made him a Commander of the Order of St Agatha in return.

Already mentioned in dispatches while serving in Italy, Spencer was mentioned again just after the war. Posted to The Netherlands, where people were starving and short of medicines, he organised a supply line so efficiently that he was presented with a silver tray.

After the war Spencer joined the Colonial Office and was sent first to British Guiana as economic adviser and development commissioner. He also became the commissioner for the interior in 1949, the year before he was transferred to Malaya.

His publications included: *The Finances of British Guiana 1920-1945*, which was published in 1946, and *The Development Plan of British Guiana* (1947).

Oscar Spencer could be an abrasive individual. He was once involved in a public row with the Malayan finance minister when the latter imposed a tax on electricity without consulting him. But none doubted his professional ability or far-sightedness. A devout Roman Catholic, he was absorbed by Church history, the Italian Renaissance and 18th-century glass. He was also a bon vivant who loved fine wines, and was a Confrère de Tastevin de Bourgogne.

He is survived by his wife Diana, from whom he was amicably separated, and by their two sons and a daughter. He collapsed and died at his daughter's birthday party.

LEONARD PARKIN

Leonard Parkin, former ITN newscaster, died yesterday from cancer aged 64. He was born on June 2, 1929.



ALTHOUGH never quite a television megastar — he lacked the popular touch of a Reggie Bosanquet or a Sandy Gall — Leonard Parkin was for 20 years one of the most valuable frontmen that ITN possessed. He himself would have resented that label: he was proud of his solid journalistic origins and he had a much greater claim to have been a working reporter than most of his colleagues.

Before graduating to Wells Street, then ITN's headquarters, he had been a reporter and feature writer for various Yorkshire newspapers, a foreign correspondent for the BBC in Canada and the United States and (briefly) a member of the *Panorama* team in the days of James Mossman and Sir Robin Day. He left the BBC for ITN in 1967 taking over from Robert Kee as the main presenter of its *First Report* lunchtime bulletin in 1976 and moving from there to its highly popular *News at 5.45* in 1978, staying with it until 1982. He retired from ITN, where he was by then back on the lunchtime beat, in 1987.

Leonard Parkin was born in Yorkshire and educated at Hemsworth Grammar School. From there he went straight into local newspapers, serving his apprenticeship on the weekly *Yorkshire Observer* and then on the *Telegraph and Argus* in Bradford before graduating in 1954 on to the *Yorkshire Evening News* where he worked as both a reporter and a sub-editor.

Tall and blessed with striking Cary Grant good looks, he soon attracted the interest of BBC Television and was recruited by them when TV news was really in its infancy, going on to report from such farflung places as Algeria, Australia and the Congo. It was in covering the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, though, that he made his name. His work on that story led to an overture from *Panorama*, then still very much the BBC's flagship programme, which he later joined in 1965. His tenure as a *Panorama* reporter was, however, cut short by a car accident in Ireland in which he not only damaged his right hip, leaving him with a permanent limp, but suffered severe facial injuries. It took six months for his face to heal and during that time his berth on *Panorama* had been filled. His last year with the BBC was spent none-too-happily with *24 Hours*, the current affairs programme that succeeded the legendary *Tonight*. The one job that he never did for the BBC was to read the news, believing that the BBC's emphasis on the primacy of editors made this a singularly unrewarding task.

Things, however, were different at ITN. When Parkin arrived there, *News at Ten* was just about to start. Sir Geoffrey Cox having won his battle to get a guaranteed half-hour of prime time every weekday evening (this, of course, was in the days of the old ITA and long before the advent of the new toothless ITC). Parkin immediately joined such presenters as Bosanquet, Gall and Andrew Gardner as one of those who launched the new venture. When, however, *News at Ten* became more of a star vehicle — with Sir Alastair Burnet very much as *primus inter pares* — Parkin was happy to move to the other new bridgeheads that ITN had opened up. He was never anything but a highly professional newscaster, taking a particular pride in the part he played in shaping each bulletin.

His career in television had spanned three decades and in 1987 it was announced that, at the age of 58, he was taking early retirement. It was typical of the gentlemanly air that he brought to the screen that he went gracefully (though he cannot but have been aware that ITN's lunchtime news was losing out badly in terms of viewers to the BBC's rival version then presented by Martyn Lewis). Parkin read his last bulletin on national television on June 17, 1987, though he went on in retirement to do some documentaries for Yorkshire Television.

He moved back to Yorkshire from Hertfordshire on leaving ITN and took up what had always been one of his greatest passions, fly-fishing. He had been ill with cancer of the spine for some time and had been looked after by his wife Barbara whom he married in 1955 and from whom he had briefly been separated. She survives him together with one son.

MARY DENT



Mary Dent, former president of the planning and development division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, died from cancer on September 9 aged 51. She was born on August 4, 1942.

MARY DENT was Britain's leading woman surveyor and an expert in development control. Since 1989 she was executive director of planning and conservation for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the first woman to be elected president of a division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) a post which she held from July last year until recently.

In this respect she was highly unusual: it had been ten years since a surveyor holding a public appointment had been chosen for the position. One of the strengths of the planning and development division was the way in which it brought together representatives of the public and private sectors. Mary Dent was determined to promote good working relationships between the two and to encourage the contribution of chartered surveyors in the development, particularly, of urban areas.

As one of the few women at senior level in her profession, she was also devoted to highlighting the openings for women in chartered surveying, at a point when only 3 per cent of the RICS's qualified members were women.

The greater part of Mary Dent's career was in public sector planning departments, notably the London Borough of Camden, 1968-87, the Corporation of London, 1987-89, and latterly the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea where she was appointed executive director of planning and conservation in 1989. She was a part-time external lecturer at the University of Reading and a number of other colleges.

Mary Dent had entered the profession by chance after reading about it on a cereal packet. Unsure of her next move after A levels, she was intrigued one morning by an advertisement on the back of a Quaker Oats packet: "Why not let your daughter become a surveyor?"

She went on to study at the College of Estate Management for a University of London external degree. She served her apprenticeship in the London County Council valuers department and Nathaniel Lichfield Associates, London.

Mary Dent was elected to the planning and development divisional council of the RICS in 1980 and to the general council in 1990. She acted as chairman of the RICS education courses sub-committee for nine years and was external examiner to a number of exempting degree courses.

For eight years she was an Inner London magistrate. Her hobbies included bird watching, gardening and numerous sports, particularly golf. Having been made only the second woman member of Guildhall Golf Society, Mary Dent went on to become overall club champion.

She never married.

GWENETH WHITTERIDGE

Gweneth Whitteridge, historian of medicine, died on September 3 aged 82. She was born on October 20, 1910.

GWENETH Whitteridge made her name as a distinguished scholar with her fundamental critical editions of William Harvey's unpublished manuscripts and studies of his scientific thought. She was soon recognised throughout the learned world as the leading historical authority on Harvey.

She was born Gweneth Hutchings in London where her father was a businessman. After leaving City of London School for Girls she entered Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, in 1929 to read modern languages, specialising in medieval French. An intermediate year in Paris at the Sorbonne and the École des Chartes equipped her with the palaeographical expertise essential for her later research. After her BA as a senior scholar at Lady Margaret Hall, she completed her DPhil in 1936 with an edition of an Anglo-Norman text.

The following years saw a diversity of activities based on the education and skills acquired at Oxford and in Paris: archivist at St Bartholomew's Hospital, lecturer in French at Bangor, and several research fellowships and posts. In 1938 she married the Oxford neurophysiologist David Whitteridge, who was later appointed a fellow of Magdalen College. With him she moved in 1950 to Edinburgh on his election there as Professor of Physiology, and again returned to Oxford in 1968 on his election to the chair there. It was at Edinburgh, encouraged by a natural symbiosis between herself and her husband, that she concentrated her attention



on William Harvey.

Her first book on the subject was an annotated edition of the unpublished *De motu locali animalium*, a transcription of Harvey's very difficult handwriting with an English translation (1959). Apparently notes for a projected treatise on the physiology of movement, the work shows the comparative approach and use of clinical observations that served Harvey so well in his great discovery of the circulation of the blood, the account of which he published in 1628.

Next came her impressive edition, again from the difficult manuscript, with an English translation of the *Prelectiones anatomie universalis*, and *De musculis*, published as *The Anatomical Lectures* (1964). These comprise all that is known of Harvey's anatomical writings.

In her analysis of the evidence for dating, Gweneth Whitteridge established the almost certain date of Harvey's grasp that the blood circulated, which agrees with his own statement in *De motu cordis*. Following this came her study *William Harvey and the Circulation of the Blood* (1971) and fresh translations, taking account of their predecessors, of *De motu cordis* (1976) and of *De generatione animalium* (1981). As a final contribution to this body of scholarship, a new translation of Harvey's *Letters on the Circulation and the Lacteal Veins* should soon appear in print.

Gweneth Whitteridge's achievements were recognised by her election to the Academie Internationale de l'Histoire des Sciences and as an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

She is survived by her husband and their three daughters.

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A GERMAN CRITIC ON THE TERRITORIALS

(From Our Correspondent)
Berlin, Sept 18

Colonel Gädke, the well-known military critic, writing in the *Berliner Tageblatt*, gives his impressions of the Territorial manoeuvres, of which the following is a summary:-

Colonel Gädke is evidently much struck by the quality of the men recruited, particularly in branches such as the Engineers, where men of special attainments are serving. The unevenness of the troops was their most conspicuous feature, some battalions being "quite valueless", while others showed that a good deal of useful garrison work had been put in. With the organisation of the manoeuvres, he has much fault to find: the staff work of the Regular officers was bad: marching orders were so arranged that it continually happened that columns crossed on the march, and on one occasion the transport of the invading army passed quite undisturbed through the ranks of the defenders.

The infantry were the most uneven of all. The drill was generally good, and the discipline on the parade ground creditable, but the marching was poor: "the men gave up by scores as soon as the sun shone at all warmer than usual". These failings, he thinks, will not be remedied until there is a serviceable corps of non-commissioned officers.

Of the three principal arms of the service, Colonel Gädke thinks the Artillery were the best: in their present state they present a striking and creditable contrast to last year. The positions were generally well chosen, and the shooting left little to be desired. The only fault was the slowness of the Field Artillery . . . Of the special troops, he says it is astounding what is accomplished by the Engineers, cyclists, and motor cyclists. "I wished we could supply our Engineer battalions from the sources from which the English Territorials draw their supply." In general, he considers the Engineers good enough for any invading army. The London Cyclists, however, were what most excited his enthusiasm. In the matter of patrol work, he considers they did more good work than all the Cavalry and Infantry put together. He describes with admiration the way in which their commanding officer quitted the road and took his men straight across the Sussex Downs in order to locate the enemy's position.

Colonel Gädke sums up his impressions as follows:-

Any land might be proud to have produced such an army of volunteers in so short a time and under such unfavourable conditions. The Territorial Army is very far from being useless, and that is a fact which underlies all criticism of detail. It is an army in the making, and if it receives support in the process, it will shortly become a very considerable army. Naturally there was much to criticise, but I am convinced that I might have seen in the manoeuvres of Continental armies not a few of the defects which I have noted, and I can well say that I was agreeably surprised to find no grosser failings in the Territorial Army.

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A German military critic watching the Territorial manoeuvres found the staff work of the Regular officers "bad" and the infantry "uneven", but he had a good word for the artillery and the engineers, and he was filled with enthusiasm for the London Cyclists.

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NEWS

KGB defector 'unmasked spy'

A British electronics engineer spied for the Russians while working at a leading military research centre and was unmasked only when his KGB controller defected last year, the Old Bailey was told.

Michael Smith, 44, was recruited by his controller, Viktor Oschenko, in the 1970s after he learned of Mr Smith's left-wing leanings at Surrey University, Sir Derek Spencer QC, the solicitor general, told the court Page 1

Olympic chief shows China preference

■ The battle to win the Olympics deteriorated into a row over China's human rights record when Juan Antonio Samaranch, the Olympic boss, criticised American attacks on Peking. His defence of China, with that of Dame Mary Glen-Haig, of Britain, appeared to show a Peking preference Page 1

Major hits back

John Major insisted there was "no vacancy" for the leadership of the Conservative Party as a senior Tory rightwinger publicly called on the prime minister to stand down in favour of Kenneth Clarke Pages 1, 2

'No' to Lib-Lab deal

The Liberal Democrat leadership ruled out a pre-election deal with Labour in spite of polls showing support for the idea of such a coalition Pages 1, 9

Japanese remorse

The Japanese government expressed "deep remorse" and made a clear apology to British prisoners of war held by the Japanese Imperial Army during the second world war Pages 1, 2

Iraq sanctions

A British company selling motor vehicle parts to Iraq is at the centre of an investigation which has led the government to revoke all individual export licences to that country Page 2

Chemical sales

Britain approved the sale of proscribed chemicals to Egypt, despite Israeli reports warning they would be re-exported to, the Scott enquiry was told Page 2

Seance 'trick'

A penniless Scotsman persuaded a woman he was an American millionaire, imprisoned her and held seances in which the spirit of a Red Indian told her to sleep with him, the Old Bailey was told Page 3

Pensioners fight back

An elderly British couple fought off a French robber who ambushed their car, defying police advice offer no resistance, shout *"prenez l'argent"* (take the money) and hand over wallets and purses Page 4

Hopeless dreams

British workers dream about an affluent retirement but are heading for a nightmare, an insurance survey claims Page 5

Gummer hits out

Environmentalists are living in a fantasy world and making "unrealistic demands", John Gummer, the environment secretary, told a conference on sustainable development Page 7

French warned

Douglas Hurd stengthened Britain's threat to paralyse the EC if France wrecks the world trade talks by unpicking a transatlantic farm deal Page 11

Shipboard diplomacy

Leaders of Bosnia's three warring sides met peace negotiators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg aboard the British aircraft carrier, HMS *Invincible* as hopes dwindled that they would sign a peace deal Page 12

Angry Assad

President Assad of Syria said that only Israel had gained from the PLO deal signed in Washington and declared he would not silence the 10 Damascus-based Islamic groups who have united to sabotage it Page 13

Pssst, wanna buy an atom bomb?

■ Former KGB agents are among a new breed of con men "selling" Third World countries components to build nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. Western intelligence services have spent months tracking down reports that nuclear fuel and even tactical warheads have been smuggled out of Russia. All the reports, however, have proved to be false Page 11



John Major leads Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese prime minister, past children waving Union Flags in Tokyo yesterday. Pages 1, 2

BUSINESS

Economy: Figures for bank and building society lending indicated that economic recovery was patchy. Consumers are fighting shy and mortgage lending fell Page 21

Japan: The prime minister joined British business leaders in criticising American moves to establish a special trading relationship with Japan. Howard Davies, director-general of the CBI, believes that such moves could undermine a GATT deal Page 21

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 1.0 points to 3004.5. Sterling's trade weighted index rose from 80.7 to 80.8 after falling from $1.5342 to $1.5325 and rising from DM2.4670 to DM2.4727 Page 24

SPORT

Rugby union: Dewi Morris and Jonathan Sleightholme are the only representatives from the northern division included in England's 46-man squad preparing to play the All Blacks Page 36

Cricket: Viv Richards took his final bow for Glamorgan with an outstanding display of batting against Kent. Coming in at 25 for three, Richards scored 83 runs from 61 balls, his half century coming in just 30 deliveries Page 38

Golf: Ronan Rafferty must wait until tomorrow to find out if he is to replace Bernhard Langer in the European Ryder Cup team. Langer, who has a neck injury, must prove his fitness Page 40

At peace: "The first time I met my uncle, he said that if he had seen me walking on the beach, he would have thought I was my mother." Julia Llewellyn Smith on searching for parents Page 14

Nourishing habitat: Don't look now but you are probably going to bed with two million eight-legged creatures. Nigel Hawkes on the house dust mite Page 15

Complete review: The government's U-turn over parts of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 has obliged the Magistrates' Association to revise its sentencing guidelines Page 29

Beneath the mask: Sir Peter Hall's autobiography reveals unsuspected mental turmoil, and even suicidal tendencies. "One realised one's doctor was correctly anxious to wonder if one should be given quite so many sleeping pills," he tells Benedict Nightingale Page 33

From page to screen: A clutch of movies based on cult novels and plays have been unveiled at the Toronto Film Festival Page 35

Ailing maestros: The London orchestral season has started limply: Franz Welser-Möst, withdrew from London Philharmonic concerts for surgery; Giuseppe Sinopoli, conducted the Philharmonia with one foot in bandages Page 35

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Leonard Parkin, the pioneering presenter of ITN's News at Ten, has died of cancer. He left the programme in 1987 after almost 20 years
Page 2; obituary, 19



Prime Suspect 2, starring Helen Mirren, won the most outstanding mini-series category at the 45th annual Emmy awards in California
Page 4



King Husain of Jordan was greeted with a bear hug and a V for victory salute by Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, at Amman airport
Page 13

THE TIMES TOMORROW

War of the words

■ Are television journalists prolonging the war in Bosnia? Roger Graef responds to Douglas Hurd

Words of the war

■ The real story of D-Day: Russell Miller interviews the men who fought in the greatest amphibious operation the world has ever seen

Pop-art accolade

■ A 35-feet high, eight-ton bottle, sculpted by the Pop-art veteran Claes Oldenburg, is about to be unveiled in Middlesbrough. Richard Cork reports on "one of the finest public sculptures ever erected in Britain"

Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer bring their crazy humour to the BBC in *The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer* (BBC2, 9pm) Page 39

Not a restoration

Poland's communist party — which emerged as the strongest grouping in the elections — has some important questions to answer before it can enjoy Western trust. Only recently did it emerge from the shell of a regime that imposed martial law. It is right that firm assurances be demanded Page 17

Sounds of stirring

John Major need not fear an armed uprising against his premiership, but his travels seem to have an uncanny knack of creating a febrile political atmosphere Page 17

Midnight's master

Not everyone will agree that *Midnight's Children* is the greatest fictional work of the last quarter century; but none can dispute its majestic influence upon contemporary literature Page 17

BERNARD LEVIN

Power, as we all know, is dangerous stuff, however small the bailiwick in which it is exercised. Throughout my life, I have taken *great care to keep away from it: not* only would I refuse to drink from the poisoned chalice, I would not even sniff the heady, pungent aroma Page 16

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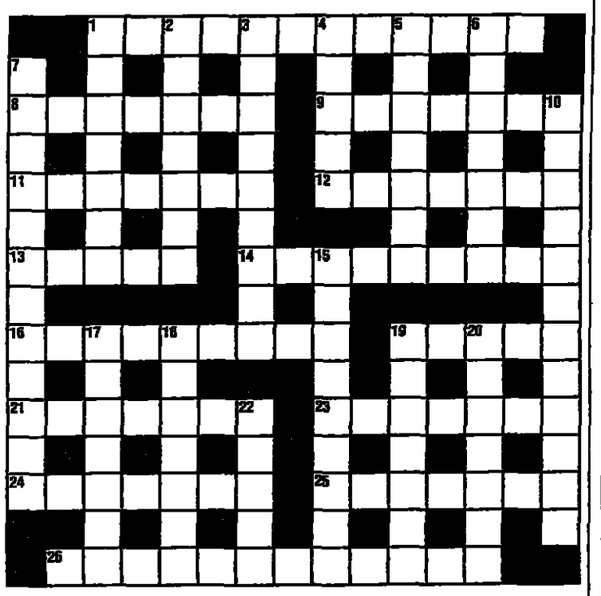
Mr Lamont's wisest course is to stop talking about the events which led to his dismissal. The audience on *Question Time* didn't take him seriously. Nor, after his monstrous vilification by the press, does most of the country. People have not comprehended his skills in constructing policies which are now rewarding the nation Page 16

A Civil Service union threatens strikes over privatisation Page 17

Politicians should stop trying to use the Olympic Games to make statements and let concern for athletes rule" — *USA Today*

China is preparing to conduct another nuclear test, conceivably waiting to see how its bid to host the 2000 Olympics fares when the Olympics people meet this week. Give us the Olympics or we test: is that China's pitch? — *The Washington Post*

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ACROSS

1 Frame for Picasso's first paintings is old-fashioned and unacceptable (5-7).
8 Strike about cut in farm produce (7).
9 Holy man excited about one's keyboard skill (7).
11 A set of books in fashionable disorder (7).
12 Dog seen in front of river vessel (7).
13 Arab ruler — a king without a state (5).
14 Caution soldiers about redhead — it's something in her perfume (9).
16 Form of speech, one many connect with disputation (9).
19 Fortune restricted by second husband's idleness (5).
21 The Duke of Milan endlessly preceding Mérimée (7).
23 Brow of the Italian officer overwhelmed by hard work (7).
24 No charge here by knights going round wrong route (7).
25 Bill and coo, with obstruction from this ornament (7).
26 Foolish plot to remain bishop (12).

DOWN

1 Carriage an attendant has no right to enter (7).
2 Politician from Salem chosen at Oregon primary (7).
3 Hoping for a cough medicine — having no alternative (9).
4 A pungent vegetable substance mostly used for garnishing (5).
5 One may be drawn on celluloid (7).
6 It makes one extremely uncertain if that's right (7).
7 French writer's censure about anthology is very neat (5,3,4).
10 Regrettably his poetry met with wild abuse (5,3,4).
15 Commonplace setting for current church revelry (9).
17 A post peacekeepers held at the most distant point (7).
18 Assemble half of them for each gold sovereign (7).
19 Lawful thus to start petition? (7).
20 Bunting may be mostly old and ornate (7).
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WEATHER

Cloud and rain will clear southeast England during the morning. That area will then join the rest of the country and have a mixture of sunny intervals and showers. The showers will be heaviest in Northern Ireland, west Scotland, western England and Wales, with occasional hail and thunder. It will feel fresher in the South after the recent humid weather. Outlook: unsettled with showers tomorrow, followed by rain spreading east on Thursday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: l=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s	Madrid	26	79	s
Alicante	29	84	s	Majorca	28	79	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malaga	23	73	s
Algiers	27	81	f	Malta	27	81	s
Amst'dm	21	70	s	Melb'rne	12	54	r
Athens	27	81	s	Miami*	31	88	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Milan	25	77	c
Bangkok	26	79	t	Montreal*	11	52	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Moscow	7	45	f
Barcelona	25	77	s	Munich	19	66	s
Beirut	28	82	f	Nairobi	25	77	f
Belgrade	20	68	s	Naples	31	88	s
Berlin	17	63	s	N Delhi	32	90	f
Bermuda*	30	86	f	N York*	21	70	s
Biarritz	26	82	s	Nice	26	79	s
Borde'x	26	82	s	Oslo	10	50	f
Brussels	25	77	s	Paris	25	77	s
Budapst	18	64	s	Peking	29	84	s
B Aires*	21	70	f	Perth	16	61	c
Cairo	33	91	s	Prague	13	55	c
Cape Tn	17	63	f	Reykjavik	11	52	r
Chicago*	19	66	s	Rhodes	30	86	s
Ch'church	9	48	c	Rio de J	26	64	s
Cologne	23	73	s	Riyadh	39	102	f
C'phagn	13	55	f	Rome	28	82	s
Corfu	30	86	s	Salzburg	20	68	s
Dublin	19	66	f	S Frisco*	18	64	c
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	Santiago*	16	61	f
Faro	25	77	s	S Paulo*	28	82	f
Florence	31	88	s	Seoul	28	82	f
Frankfurt	22	72	s	Sing'por	27	81	f
Funchal	26	79	s	St'kholm	12	54	f
Geneva	21	70	s	Stassb'rg	23	73	s
Gibraltar	21	70	s	Sydney	21	70	s
Helsinki	13	55	s	Tangier	26	79	s
Hong K	32	90	s	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Innsbruck	22	72	s	Tenerife	22	72	f
Istanbul	22	72	f	Tokyo	28	79	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	13	55	s
Jo'burg*	24	75	s	Tunis	30	86	s
Karachi	32	90	s	Valencia	26	79	f
L Palmas	27	81	s	Vanc'ver*	12	54	c
La Toust	20	68	f	Venice	23	73	s
Lisbon	21	70	c	Vienna	19	66	s
Locarno	22	72	s	Warsaw	14	57	f
L Angels*	22	72	f	Washton*	23	73	f
Luxembg	21	70	s	Wel'ngton	12	54	c
Luxor	40	104	s	Zurich	20	68	s

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 8am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6pm, 88 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.16in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,014.0 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Jersey, Channel Islands, 22C (72F); lowest day max Inverbervie, near Aberdeen, 11C (52F), highest rainfall: Tiree, inner Hebrides, 0.94in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 10.6hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 8am, 14C (57F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.15in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.2hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 8am, 13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.32in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.7hr.

UK

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.03	12	54	dull
Anglesey	1.0	0.03	18	64	rain
Aviemore	0.8	0.01	14	57	rain
Belfast	3.5	0.50	17	63	rain
Birmingham	4.1	-	20	68	bright
Bognor Regis	10.3	-	19	66	sunny
Bournemouth	8.6	-	19	66	sunny
Bristol	4.7	-	21	70	sunny
Buxton	2.7	-	17	63	cloudy
Cardiff	1.8	-	18	64	cloudy
Clacton	6.6	-	16	61	sunny
Colwyn Bay	0.7	-	19	66	cloudy
Eastbourne	9.9	-	17	63	sunny
Edinburgh	0.4	0.14	15	59	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	0.17	13	55	rain
Exmouth	3.7	-	18	64	cloudy
Falmouth	-	0.06	16	61	cloudy
Folkestone	10.6	-	17	63	sunny
Glasgow	-	0.29	14	57	rain
Guernsey	9.5	-	20	68	sunny
Hastings	9.9	-	17	63	sunny
Isle of Man	-	0.54	15	59	rain
Jersey	10.4	-	22	72	sunny
Kinloss	0.9	0.06	14	57	rain
Leeds	3.9	-	18	64	bright
Lerwick	0.6	0.01	12	54	rain
Littlehampton	9.5	-	18	64	sunny
Liverpool	0.6	-	17	63	cloudy
London	10.3	-	20	68	sunny
Lowestoft	8.3	-	17	63	bright
Manchester	1.1	-	18	64	cloudy
Margate	8.3	-	18	64	sunny
Morecambe	1.0	-	18	64	cloudy
Newcastle	0.6	-	17	63	cloudy
Newquay	0.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Nottingham	4.1	-	19	66	bright
Penzance	-	0.02	17	63	rain
Poole	8.9	-	19	66	sunny
Salcombe	6.8	-	17	63	sunny
Sandown	8.3	-	19	66	sunny
Saunton Snd	4.2	-	21	70	sunny
Scarborough	2.4	-	15	59	cloudy
Scilly Isles	0.2	0.09	17	63	rain
Shanklin	9.7	-	19	66	sunny
Southend	9.3	-	18	64	sunny
Southsea	9.7	-	17	63	sunny
Stornoway	-	0.46	12	54	rain
Swanage	8.4	-	18	64	sunny
Teignmouth	4.8	-	18	64	bright
Tenby	-	-	17	63	cloudy
Tiree	1.8	0.76	15	59	rain
Torquay	6.5	-	18	64	bright
Weymouth	9.3	-	18	64	sunny

CURRENCIES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.442	2.242
Austria Sch	18.48	16.98
Belgium Fr	56.94	51.54
Canada $	2.132	1.972
Cyprus CypE	0.782	0.722
Denmark Kr	10.69	9.89
Finland Mrk	9.51	8.71
France Fr	9.11	8.41
Germany Dm	2.527	2.417
Greece Dr	370.00	346.00
Hong Kong $	12.46	11.46
Ireland Pt	1.112	1.032
Italy Lira	2490.00	2336.00
Japan Yen	177.00	157.00
Malta	0.614	0.559
Netherlands Gld	2.942	2.417
Norway Kr	11.38	10.59
Portugal Esc	254.00	245.60
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	205.60	191.50
Sweden Kr	12.93	12.13
Switzerland Fr	2.285	2.105
Turkey Lira	18600.00	17600.00
USA $	1.627	1.497

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.





London 7.31 pm to 6.15 am
Bristol 7.41 pm to 6.25 am
Edinburgh 7.45 pm to 5.28 am
Manchester 7.40 pm to 6.23 am
Penzance 7.53 pm to 6.37 am

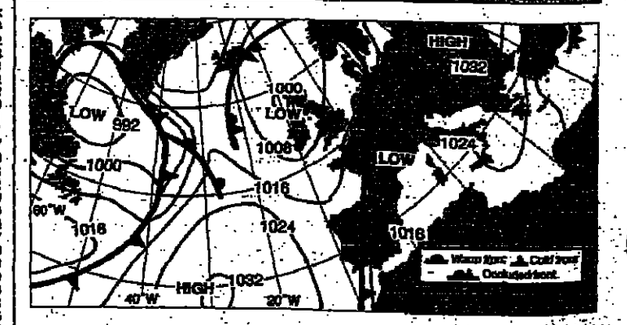
Sun rises: 6.45 am
Sun sets: 7.01 pm
Moon sets 10.01 pm
Moon rises 1.46 pm
First quarter tomorrow

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	17	63	f	Guernsey	15	59	r
B'mgham	16	61	s	Inverness	18	66	f
Blackpool	17	63	f	Jersey	15	59	r
Bristol	16	61	r	London	17	63	r
Cardiff	15	59	r	M'chester	16	61	r
Edinburgh	18	64	f	Newcastle	17	63	f
Glasgow	17	63	c	R'nldsway	16	61	f

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.01	7.0	6.20	7.1	Liverpool	3.13	9.3	3.36	8.9
Aberdeen	5.31	4.2	5.57	3.9	Lowestoft	1.28	2.4	1.50	2.5
Avonmouth	11.31	12.5	11.52	12.0	Margate	4.10	4.6	4.26	4.8
Belfast	3.11	3.5	3.33	3.3	Milford Haven	10.31	6.6	10.55	6.3
Cardiff	11.16	11.5	11.37	11.1	Newquay	9.25	6.6	9.50	6.3
Devonport	10.07	5.2	10.33	4.9	Oban	9.47	3.6	10.01	3.3
Dover	2.58	6.5	3.22	6.5	Penzance	9.15	5.3	9.43	4.9
Falmouth	9.37	5.0	10.03	4.7	Portland	11.00	1.9	11.19	1.8
Glasgow	4.51	5.1	5.20	4.9	Portsmouth	3.27	4.7	3.50	4.5
Harwich	3.56	4.0	4.15	4.1	Shoreham	3.14	6.1	3.33	6.1
Holyhead	2.19	5.5	2.42	5.3	Southampton	2.54	4.4	3.19	4.4
Hull	10.29	7.3	10.55	7.0	Swansea	10.32	9.2	10.59	8.8
Ilfracombe	10.12	8.7	10.38	8.3	Tees	7.53	5.3	8.20	5.0
King's Lynn	10.42	6.9	11.08	6.0	Whitby	7.05	5.5	7.29	5.2
Leith	7.05	5.5	7.29	5.2	Whitby-on-Nze	3.50	4.1	4.11	4.3



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Best of British flies in on a wing and a prayer

FROM NICHOLAS WOOD IN TOKYO AND ROSS TIEMAN IN LONDON

JOHN Major and his escort of business leaders will touch down in Kuala Lumpur this afternoon for the second leg of their Far Eastern tour to sell Britain overseas. Flying wingman to a prime minister determined to soften up overseas trade targets may have proved more exacting than many industrialists had imagined.

Yesterday, in Japan, Mike Perry, the Unilever chairman, had to intervene to defend Mr Major, who was repeatedly questioned about his political future. "It is impossible to conceive greater support and leadership than we have had in the last two days from the prime minister," he told a press conference held by the Keidanren, Japan's main business body.

It was a reflection of the growing interdependence of industrialists and politicians in the trade arena. British business has finally got an administration that provides high-profile backing. In return, business is expected to deliver job-creating contracts that the prime minister can use to rebuild his battered public esteem. Matching contract announcements to Mr Major's political need is not an easy task, however.

Yesterday, Mr Major threw his weight behind Howard Davies, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, who condemned US moves to establish a special trading relationship with Japan. Mr Davies said such moves were dangerous because they threatened attempts to put world trade on a multilateral basis and could undermine efforts to secure a Gatt deal. Mr Major concurred. "What we are looking for is a free trading multilateral world," he said in Tokyo.

Mr Major spoke after winning the backing of Morihiro Hosokawa, Japan's prime minister, for opposition to French moves to revise the Blair House agriculture deal between the US and the EC. Britain has never before sent such an influential group of business leaders to Japan. Alongside Mr Perry were the chairmen or chief executives of ICI, Rolls-Royce, Oxford Instruments, AMEC, GEC, S G Warburg, Guinness, British Gas, Cable and Wireless and BT. They pressed for free trade, with the elimination of remaining discrimination on British goods such as Scotch whisky, deregulation of financial services and insurance, and completion of the Gatt round.

Lobbying in Japan was broad ranging; Malaysia is a different story. Only four business leaders, from GEC, British Gas, Cable and Wireless and Rolls-Royce are travelling to Kuala Lumpur from Tokyo. But Mr Major will be joined in Malaysia by the heads of British Aerospace, PowerGen, the National Grid, BICC, John Laing, Biwater, Johnson Matthey, North West Water and Trinity Holdings.

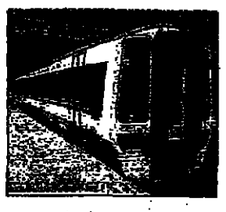
With products ranging from reservoirs to fire engines, they should be well placed to deliver the deals Mr Major needs.

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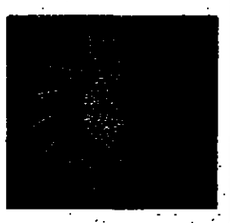


Next year, commuters may travel on privatised railway lines. Will they notice the difference a new livery makes?
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MAI expects Meridian, its new broadcasting subsidiary, to move into profit this year, six months ahead of schedule
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The plot thickens at Paramount Communications, the Hollywood studio, where counter bidders are circling the Viacom tie-up
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5325 (-0.0017)
German mark .. 2.4727 (+0.0057)
Exchange index ..... 80.8 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3004.5 (-1.0)
Dow Jones ... 3813.53 (+0.28)*
Nikkei Avge 20266.03 (-125.01)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5 15/16-5 7/16%
US Federal Funds..... 3 1/4%*
3-month Treas Bills. 2.95-2.94%*
Long Bond 6.05%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5320*	£:$ 1.5310
$:DM ..1.6125*	£:DM 2.4657
$:SWfr..1.4035*	£:SWfr...2.1488
$:Flr ...5.6285*	£:Flr 8.6300
$:Yen .104.25*	£:Yen ...159.61
£:SDR ..1.0731	£:ECU ..1.2931

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 353.50 ..... PM 354.00
Close 353.55-354.05
New York:
Comex 353.55-354.05*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 141.3 August (1.7%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Lending shows recovery is fragile

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

NEW figures for bank and building society lending yesterday pointed to no more than an anaemic and patchy recovery, with consumers still fighting shy of borrowing. Mortgage lending fell in August.

This latest evidence of the fragility of economic activity and confidence follows last week's batch of mixed statistics showing unemployment rising again, manufacturing output far less strong in the first six months of the year than previously thought and retail sales no more than flat.

Figures produced yesterday by the British Bankers' Association showed that lending by banks rose by £2.8 billion in August, double the rise in July. However, Lord Inchyra, director general of the BBA, said that, apart from financial companies, there was virtually no demand for credit apart from for mortgage finance.

He said: "Consumer credit was surprisingly weak: August is normally boosted by new car sales and holiday spending but this was the smallest August rise for at least six years." He also noted that August's large total increase, although it confirmed an upward trend in lending, only took lending back to last year's level of activity, "which itself was not indicative of any great economic upturn."

Banks are clearly winning mortgage market share from the building societies, which yesterday said that they made net new commitments of only £2.43 billion, down from £2.94 billion in July. Gross mortgage lending also fell to £2.83 billion from £3.17 billion in July, according to the Building Societies Association.

Adrian Coles, the BSA's director general, blamed the BT3 share offer, the strong stock market and bumper car sales in August for a net outflow of funds from building societies of £132 million compared with a £61 million outflow in July.

Another snapshot of economic activity came from the Bank of England, which reported M4 broad money supply figures for August. M4 grew by only 0.3 per cent in August, giving an annual growth rate of 3.7 per cent, somewhat lower than City economists had been expecting and only marginally higher than the 3.6 per cent annual rate in July.

Broad money supply is still languishing near to the bottom of its government monitoring range of between 3 per cent and 9 per cent. Nevertheless, the Treasury said that the money supply figures were consistent with economic growth and low inflation.

☐ Speculation has been raging since the end of last week that Japan is about to announce a cut in its official discount rate, possibly today, to pre-empt calls for lower interest rates from the International Monetary Fund meeting this week. Financial markets are betting on a ½-point cut to 2 per cent, a record low, amid mounting evidence of the damage being done to Japanese industry by a 20 per cent appreciation in the yen against the dollar this year.

In Europe, the Belgian franc softened after the central bank cut its central rate by 0.25 of apoint to 9.75 per cent.

JOHN MANNING



Waving the flag: Britain's most anxious city and the beleaguered prime minister are not alone in hoping Mancunians win their bid for the millennial Olympics on Thursday. In the City of London, Patrick de Pelet has hoist his colours to the mast at Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank that is advising Manchester City Council and the Manchester Olympic bid committee on the finances for the £5 million bid, and helping secure £75 million from government.
(David Miller, page 40)

Murray Johnstone backs US takeover

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

MURRAY Johnstone, one of the biggest Scottish fund managers, administering £4.3 billion of funds, yesterday agreed to a £49 million takeover approach from America.

The takeover is by United Asset Management Corporation, the Boston-based investment management group. UAM has told the Glasgow-based investment manager — whose origin can be traced to 1907 and which employs 130 people in London, Manchester, Paris and Chicago — that it will continue to be run by the existing management team.

Lord Younger of Prestwick, chairman of the Murray Trusts, said that he was "delighted that our funds will remain under independent management in Scotland".

Murray Johnstone's investment management activities include pension funds, unit and investment trusts, venture capital, and private client business. In 1986, it established a joint company with Yamaichi International Capital Management, of Japan, to cover global equity and bond markets for Japanese clients.

Nick McAndrew, Murray Johnstone's chairman, said that he welcomed the UAM association. More than 90 per cent of MJ shareholders have given irrevocable undertakings to accept UAM's offer.

Shares of the various quoted Murray Johnstone entitites generally rose. The offer for MJ is in shares — the number yet to be determined — with a cash alternative.

Norton Reamer, UAM president, said, said that MJ would "have a key role in our plans to develop an increased presence in the international investment arena".

Fashionable retreat from the free market



ANTHONY HARRIS

The voters of Poland are the first to have said it on a national scale; but in their rejection of the free market orthodoxy of the 1980s, they are joining the new fashion. French farmers with their solid popular support, Liberal voters in the south of England, Scandinavians rapidly turning their backs on their former European aspirations, Tory rebels who still support the coal miners or oppose rail privatisation are all in their different ways making the same statement: there are values more important than market efficiency.

So are Nobel prizewinners who want to curb the capital markets, EC officials who hanker for exchange controls, and Greens of every shade: or more militantly, Serb guerillas and skinheads on the Isle of Dogs. A counter-revolution is under way, immediately threatening the Gatt round. Its longer-term consequences are incalculable.

It is tempting to dismiss this turmoil as cyclical, a consequence of worldwide recession. With more buoyant demand, unemployment would not be at post-war highs throughout Europe. The Poles would not be suffering privation. French farmers would be eyeing opportunities in the towns, and the Swedes still itching to join in a Euro-boom. Even Canary Wharf might be let.

This is too facile. The growth recession in OECD countries — not yet worldwide, though it could become so if the protectionist tide goes on rising — seems more than cyclical. Its impact is recent, but if you look at inflation rates and commodity prices, you can see deflation setting in as early as 1980, or even the mid 1970s. It was staved off for a time by borrowing from the oil producers, by the terminal Reagan armaments race, and finally by the bubble expansion of credit. Then the music had to stop.

It is much to early to explain these trends definitively but not not too early to name some possible runners. One is the Luddite analysis: the robots are taking over. The threat potential of automation was widely scouted in the 1950s, but then largely forgotten; it might now appeal to the threatened bank employees of the South East. A second explanation is the monetarist one: the whole post-war boom was financed on paper money, but had to end when investors woke up to the consequent inflation. Two versions of poetic justice.

Against that, one can blame the officials. A Keynesian analysis now being revived by the Left, here and in America, argues that we went on practising public sector stimulus long after it became unfashionable. The armaments race counted as "military Keynesianism": so all we need to do is to call a stimulus a stimulus, and resume borrowing. Markets seem eager for public debt, but officials are enslaved by conventional thinking, and cannot respond.

Alternatively, officials are too readily corrupted. The competition of developing countries is seen by protectionists as a pressing threat; but it is our natural salvation. It promises cheap goods to raise living standards and booming markets for exports of capital goods. However, in the face of vested interests in our declining sectors, we are too cowardly to seize the chance.

You may not fancy any of these suggestions; but the important question is whether the trend is here to stay. At bottom, the question is one of managing change: free markets make change happen faster, and at some point the pace may become intolerable. That is what seems to have happened in Poland, even though theirs has been the most successful of the post-Communist programmes. It explains the political troubles of Gatt and NAFTA; the problem may be to preserve the trade freedom now in force rather than to extend it.

Remember, too, that capital markets respond to change much faster than real economies can adapt: that is why Professor James Tobin urges measures designed to throw sand into the machinery of the markets. This thought is catching on in Europe, where capital controls and even exchange controls are coming back into fashion. There is nothing new about any of this: the cycle of deregulation — get rid of red tape — and re-regulation goes back at least to the middle ages. When the curtain falls at the end of history, so confidently greeted only three years ago, it rises again. Encore.

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Pay hopes 'still linked to prices'

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE government's hopes that employees will abandon automatic pay increases look set to run into difficulty, according to new findings from the Confederation of British Industry that show a strong link being maintained between pay and prices rather than performance.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is insisting that 5 million public sector workers should have no further pay increase this year unless it is funded by improved productivity, while the CBI itself is urging the private sector to follow suit. But figures presented yesterday to a private CBI conference on pay and performance acknowledge that "the link is not yet as firmly forged in employees' minds as it needs to be".

Even with low inflation, prices are still the most important factor in setting pay, the CBI's data shows. Sixty-one per cent of employees still see the cost of living as a leading determinant of their next pay rise, compared with 41 per cent citing individual performance and 32 per cent their company's profitability.

A document presented to yesterday's closed conference says that many businesses have only survived the recession because they have broken the link between prices and pay, but it accepts that the headline inflation figure is clearly a big influence.

The employers' body says the competitive advantages of falling pay settlements, growing productivity and a better exchange rate could now be easing as the UK's competitors fight back. With better economic growth forecast for Britain, the CBI is giving warning of real pay dangers ahead for the UK economy.

The CBI is telling employers starkly: "Spiralling pay costs are perhaps the greatest hazard ahead: if we let settlement levels accelerate faster than performance safely allows, that could put us out of the race" with our competitors.

Though the CBI has publicly defended high pay rises for company executives, in its document to its internal conference in London yesterday the CBI acknowledges that senior executive pay may be an "area of difficulty" in persuading employees to accept the pay-performance link.

While maintaining that the "reality" of boardroom pay rises is that they are not out of line with general increases, the CBI says that given how company boards expect to link pay and performance elsewhere in their businesses they may now need to think about how executive pay should move — whether any current boardoom pay formulae should be reviewed, and "how pay at this high-profile level is to be presented".

The CBI says that in the past year companies have succeeded in getting performance ahead of pay, and the challenge now is keeping it there.

Italy's CBI urges firm stand on strikes

From Colin Narbrough in Rome

CONFINDUSTRIA, Italy's equivalent of the CBI, has urged the Italian government to take a hard line on strikes in the state-owned industries.

Innocenzo Cipolletta, the agency's director general, said that the industrial action, which has aroused fears that Italy's recovery from recession will be delayed, was a good thing for the economy. Speaking to British journalists, he said Britain had had to go through a period of strikes. "We will have to have our period of strikes".

On Friday, the Italian government reported that unemployment had dropped to 10.3 per cent in the three months to July from 10.5 per cent in the previous three months. But many analysts believe the economy remains in a sluggish state, even though the worst may be over on the unemployment front.

The strikes, which have broken out at the Crotone Chemical Works, owned by the state-controlled Enichem Group, and on the state railway system, followed the establishment of the government of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, who took over as prime minister in June. The new government made a firm commitment to economic reform, of which a central part is a budget that makes heavy cuts in public spending.

☐ IRI, the Italian state holding company, said it is close to an agreement with the European Commission on its privatisation programme for ILVA, its steel company. It will involve reducing capacity.



Stephen Walls aims to concentrate on core interests

Fisher to float car arm

ALBERT Fisher Group is to float its wholly owned Mercedes-Benz commercial vehicle and car dealer on the stock exchange in November under the name Charles Sidney, in a move that will allow the group to concentrate solely on its core fruit, vegetables and seafood interests (Colin Campbell writes).

The float, by means of a placing and a public offer of shares, is likely to value the company at £23 million, analysts suggest. A pathfinder prospectus is due next month.

Charles Sidney group holds the franchise for Mercedes-Benz in Bradford and South Yorkshire and employs 220 people.

Albert Fisher, which is chaired by Stephen Walls, does not intend to retain any shares in Charles Sidney.

Lloyd's acts to ease fear of corporate capital plan

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

LLOYD'S of London has taken further steps to overcome the fears of litigating names that they will be harmed by the introduction next year of corporate capital into the loss-making market. Lloyd's has undertaken to ensure that members' agents set aside enough capacity for the 17,000 litigating names.

The Association of Lloyd's Members and the Lloyd's Names Associations' Working Party (LNAWP), umbrella organisation for names' action groups, were concerned that names were being asked to approve, in a vote on October 20, the introduction of corporate capital before the outcome of Lloyd's attempts to resolve litigation.

Christopher Stockwell, of LNAWP, said: "It would be the ultimate insult if, once legal settlement is completed, names then able to carry on underwriting were unable to do so because syndicates had given their capacity to corporate capital."

☐ The future of up to 100 Lloyd's syndicates looks more secure after a decision by Christie Brockbank Shipton, the members' agency, to set up an investment pooling scheme solely for small syndicates. It was feared that Members' Agents Pooling Arrangements (Mapas), due in the 1994 underwriting year, would provide capacity for only 70 to 80 "core" syndicates. The agency is setting up a mapa, Mapa 2, of 30 small syndicates. It is to have capacity of £50 million.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Smiths Industries wins work for US fighter jet

SMITHS Industries has won a contract enhancing its place in aviation technology and holding out the prospect of $150 million of business. It is to design electrical power distribution centres for the F22, America's next generation of fighter plane, which will rival the pan-European Eurofighter.

Selection by Lockheed, the F22 prime contractor, is a further vote of confidence in Smiths' solid-state technology, opening the way for its application in civil and military projects for aircraft, ships and land vehicles. Roger Hurn, Smiths' chairman, said it "confirms our position as one of the key US defence avionics suppliers". By using programmable solid state switches, Smiths has, it claims, cut the size of aircraft power systems and achieved big gains in reliability. The technology has been chosen for the McDonnell Douglas Apache helicopter and the Boeing 777 twinjet. Development of a system for the F22 will take place in New Jersey.

Flagstone hotel plan

FLAGSTONE Holdings, which wants to focus on leisure, moved in that direction yesterday with the proposed £2.6 million cash purchase of The Needles Hotel Company on the Isle of Wight. Flagstone, whose shares were suspended at 2.5p on September 13, announced a placing and two-for-three rights issue to raise £5.47 million for the acquisition, repaying bank debts, and working capital. The new shares are 1p and all are suspended until the October 11 annual meeting.

Asda buys 30 shops

ASDA Property Holdings has paid £7.8 million from proceeds of its July £16 million rights issue to buy a portfolio of 30 high street shops throughout the UK. APH profits rose from £1.5 million to £2.5 million in the half year to June 30, after the interest charge fell to £2.9 million, from £6.2 million. Turnover was down to £11.2 million from £19 million because there were fewer property sales. Earnings were 2.6p (1.1p) a share. The interim dividend is up by 7 per cent to 0.7p.

Fund profits up 127%

EDINBURGH Fund Managers increased its pre-tax profits by 127 per cent to £3.72 million in the six months to end-July, helped by increased new business and higher stock market levels. The value of funds under management rose from £2.4 billion to £3 billion, turnover was 69 per cent ahead at £7.8 million and administrative expenses were 41 per cent higher at £4.66 million. Earnings rose 146 per cent to 13.8p a share. The interim dividend has been increased by 20 per cent to 6p.

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0345 717373				
Mastertrust	125.30	134.00	- 0.60	1.29
International	96.17	102.30	- 0.20	.30
Dividend Gth	60.39	64.24	- 0.19	4.37
Global Gth Sec	63.44	67.48	- 0.04	2.45
Ethical Growth	69.01	73.41	- 0.06	2.42
High Inc Equity	161.50	171.80	- 0.40	4.58
Worldwide Bond	270.10	286.30†	- 0.10	3.67
Gilts Fixed Int	135.00	143.10†	- 0.20	5.59
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ				
0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580				
30 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7QQ				
071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	44.29	46.73	- 0.04	0.67
European	90.00	95.39	- 0.21	...
European Inc	86.53	91.94†	- 0.30	1.63
Exempt	923.10	974.20	- 1.80	3.92
Extra Inc	48.35	52.60†	- 0.02	4.97
F East Emerg Ec	91.65	95.70	- 0.54	0.66
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL				
0793 514514				
Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	399.90	427.40†	- 1.00	3.85
Equity Inc	225.20	241.20	- 0.30	3.78
High Yield	253.70	271.20	- 0.30	3.79
Balanced	670.50	716.70	- 1.50	2.45
American Inc	50.15	53.61†	+ 0.10	3.08
Wld Asset Val	42.82	45.76†	- 0.01	0.98
Japan	217.60	231.80	+ 1.00	0.01
Secs of Am	411.70	437.90	+ 1.30	0.58
AXA EQUITY & LAW				
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	331.90	353.10	- 1.10	2.56
-do- Inc	235.20	250.30	- 0.70	2.56
Higher Inc Acc	625.30	665.30	- 1.30	3.55
-do- Inc	379.80	404.10	- 0.80	3.55
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	186.10	196.50†	...	5.96
-do- Inc	95.13	100.40†	...	5.96
Nth America	247.20	263.00	- 0.30	...
Far East	321.20	341.90	- 1.00	0.15
Europe	345.90	361.70†	- 0.60	0.91
General Inc	445.20	473.70†	- 1.50	2.37
-do- Acc	493.60	525.40†	- 1.50	2.37
Brit Excell	67.29	71.59	- 0.24	2.61
Brit Fndmnts Inc	72.57	77.21†	- 0.11	4.47
Brit Fndmnts Acc	95.31	101.40†	- 0.20	4.47
Global Opps	77.13	82.06	- 0.10	...
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN				
071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	255.80	269.00	- 0.60	1.29
Capital Gwth	108.20	113.90	..	2.40
Worldwide Opps	161.60	170.10	...	0.54
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15				
081 534 5544				
Capital	110.20	117.90	- 0.10	2.86
Euro Gth Inc	123.10	130.80†	- 0.20	0.65
Extra Inc	114.60	122.80	- 0.10	4.24
General	252.40	270.40†	- 1.40	2.84
Gilt Fxd Inc	61.25	63.31†	+ 0.26	7.99
Income	517.40	553.40	- 0.70	4.09
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
081 658 9002				
American Gth	92.19	97.79	- 0.42	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	123.10	131.90	- 0.30	...
Convertibles	56.92	60.87†	- 0.04	7.60
Eastern	200.00	215.30	- 1.00	1.60
Equity Income	89.04	94.72	- 0.19	6.20
European Gth	253.00	269.00	- 0.50	1.50
Europe	166.80	178.50	- 0.40	1.50
Exempt	86.68	89.02	..	3.50
German Growth	68.54	72.93	+ 0.40	0.70
Global Growth	112.10	119.80	- 0.30	...
Japan Growth	207.50	222.10	- 1.70	...
Japan Sunrise	183.50	196.40	- 0.90	...
Portfolio	124.60	133.20†	- 0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	224.00	239.40	- 0.30	3.20
UK Growth	88.63	94.28	- 0.10	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	91.10	97.43	- 0.10	1.90
Select Managers	68.17	72.89	- 0.08	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	110.45	118.13	- 0.16	1.54
-do- Inc	100.11	107.39	- 0.14	1.54
Global Bond	30.84	32.50	+ 0.03	5.00
High Yield Acc	58.42	62.48	- 0.14	2.96
-do- Inc	41.94	44.86	- 0.10	2.96
Smlr Cos Acc	102.78	109.93	+ 0.12	1.25
-do- Inc	94.47	101.04	+ 0.11	1.25
Amer Gth Acc	61.57	65.85	+ 0.19	.
-do- Inc	60.42	64.63†	+ 0.18	.
Euro Gth Acc	112.81	120.66	- 0.29	0.81
-do- Inc	110.50	118.18†	- 0.28	0.81
Mngd P folio	38.12	40.77†	- 0.07	1.39
Pacific Growth	109.07	116.65	- 0.69	0.02
Intl Spec Opps	97.99	104.81	- 0.38	1.60
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	139.30	148.40†	- 0.20	2.82
Smaller Cos Acc	327.50	353.70	- 1.10	...
Smaller Cos Inc	190.50	205.70	+ 0.60	1.06
High Inc	76.81	82.18†	- 0.22	6.38
Income	136.80	146.30	- 0.10	3.76
Mngd P folio Inc	97.73	104.10	- 0.60	1.91
-do- Acc	186.00	198.10	- 1.10	..
North American	106.40	113.30	- 0.10	0.19
Orient	135.60	146.10	- 1.40	...
Recovery	45.35	48.75	+ 0.16	2.29
German	45.81	49.10	+ 0.18	0.08
Intl Growth	36.35	38.71	- 0.02	0.30
European Inc	23.60	25.38†	- 0.11	0.44
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL				
071 480 7296				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	67.98	68.91	- 0.04	5.06
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH				
061 837 5060				
Environ	142.70	151.90	- 0.20	1.61
UK Growth	153.80	163.70†	- 0.20	2.14
UK Income	131.70	140.20	- 0.20	4.02
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
081 902 8876				
SE Asia	94.14	100.70	- 0.40	0.80
Growth	46.14	49.35	- 0.03	2.81
Income	57.55	61.55	- 0.29	3.65
Far East	50.96	54.80	- 0.21	.
North American	90.83	97.67	- 0.17	...
Global	91.50	97.86	- 0.37	0.46
European	76.78	82.04	- 0.18	0.63
Japan	119.00	127.30	- 0.90	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.44	65.11	+ 0.10	5.85
UK Cap Gwth	84.54	90.42†	- 0.38	1.86
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF				
Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	134.90	143.60†	- 0.20	0.10
-do- Acc	143.40	152.60	- 0.30	0.10
European	70.51	74.75†	- 0.07	0.63
-do- Acc	73.55	77.99	- 0.07	0.63
Far East Gen	68.33	72.70	- 0.17	...
-do- Acc	68.33	72.70	- 0.17	...
Smaller Cos	71.26	75.81†	- 0.02	1.72
-do- Acc	80.46	85.60	- 0.01	1.72
Growth	397.40	425.10†	- 1.10	2.20
-do- Acc	689.00	737.00	- 2.00	2.20
Income Growth	398.70	424.20	+ 1.20	3.54
-do- Acc	541.80	576.40	+ 1.70	3.54
Master Portfolio	10024.0	10404.0	-20.00	2.14
-do- Acc	11677.0	12120.0	-23.00	2.14
Special Sits	92.11	97.99	- 0.25	2.09
-do- Acc	108.88	115.83	- 0.30	2.09
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1293.0	1334.0	- 4.00	4.03
-do- Acc	1536.0	1574.0	- 4.00	4.03
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU				
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	192.90	205.60	- 0.60	1.61
Capital	564.50	602.50	- 1.60	2.23
Eurotrack 100	141.30	150.50	+ 0.30	1.37
Euro Gth	89.88	95.88	- 0.07	0.88
Far East Growth	98.48	105.10	- 0.60	...
Global Bond	23.94	25.24	- 0.03	5.92
Hong Kong	85.19	90.92	- 0.49	0.66
Income	543.90	580.50	- 1.30	3.77
Intl Growth	76.57	81.72	- 0.14	0.17
Japan Growth	290.20	309.70	- 2.10	..
Japan Smllr Cos	37.86	40.41	- 0.21	..
Japan Index	93.77	99.40	- 0.50	0.23
Nth American	439.10	468.60	- 3.20	0.17
S pore Mly Gth	63.28	67.53	- 1.69	..
The Footsie Fd	113.00	118.30	- 0.30	2.60
Tiger Index	156.10	166.60†	- 0.70	0.59
Trinde Index	111.70	119.20†	- 0.10	2.11
UK Index	*129.40*	*138.10*	*- 0.30*	*2.89*
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH				
071 606 0708				
American P folio	86.43	92.32	+ 0.19	1.05
European P folio	79.99	85.28	+ 0.24	0.98
Japanese P folio	70.52	74.96	- 0.34	..
Pacific P folio	111.93	120.36	- 0.65	0.98
Cazenove P folio	76.28	81.59	+ 0.17	2.63
UK Income Gth	69.68	74.73	+ 0.19	4.58
Utility & Bond	55.73	56.50	- 0.22	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	664.95	668.15	.	4.53
Fixed Int	165.45	165.80	.	8.75
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	..
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
071 588 1815				
Income	647.05	654.98	..	4.57
-do- Acc	2595.0	2627.0	...	...
Deposit	5.80	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	134.35	134.69	..	8.61
-do- Acc	184.65	185.12	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1				
071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	66.66	70.17	- 1.41	2.15
Beckman Intl	89.73	94.78	.	2.80
Friars Hse Inc	190.99	206.99	+ 0.65	5.70
Friars Hse Cap	259.43	278.96	- 0.66	2.61
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222				
Dealing: 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Income	151.88	161.57	- 0.26	5.39
Equity Incom Acc	502.81	534.90	- 0.82	5.39
Fixed & Convert	44.72	47.57	- 0.11	5.57
Fixed & Conv Acc	119.73	127.37	+ 0.32	5.57
Monthly Income	51.56	54.85	+ 0.06	7.39
Preference	51.01	54.27	+ 0.06	7.14
Preference Acc	266.96	284.00	- 0.41	7.14
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.02	134.06	- 0.33	5.51
High Yield Acc	484.52	515.45	- 1.26	5.51
Managed Fund	65.46	69.64	- 0.12	2.82
Managed Fd Acc	79.96	85.06	- 0.15	2.82
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.53	43.12	+ 0.03	1.90
Smaller Cos Acc	46.00	48.94	+ 0.04	1.90
UK & General	72.16	76.77	- 0.29	2.98
UK & General Acc	87.57	93.16	- 0.36	2.98
UK Growth	123.84	131.74	- 0.57	1.68
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	166.19	176.80	- 0.39	...
Far East Growth	115.03	122.37	- 0.68	0.34
Global Bond	88.28	93.84	+ 0.15	5.82
Gold & Comm	53.74	57.17	- 0.08	...
Japan Growth	125.79	133.82	- 1.01	...
North America	152.25	161.97	+ 0.91	...
Oriental Growth	60.87	64.76	- 0.33	..
W'wide Growth	60.91	65.14	- 0.25	0.36
-do- Acc	63.54	67.96	- 0.26	0.36
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.31	93.31	+ 0.04	5.09
Deposit Fund Acc	93.31	93.31	+ 0.04	5.09
Quilter Fund	127.76	135.92†	- 0.17	2.56
Quilter Fund Acc	143.34	152.49	- 0.19	2.56
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.41	68.52†	- 0.06	1.91
-do- Acc	73.09	77.75	- 0.06	1.91
Income Fund 5	225.40	239.80	- 0.30	3.92
-do- Acc	524.40	557.90	- 0.70	3.92
Inv Portfolio	69.66	73.19	+ 0.04	2.09
-do- Acc	79.38	82.26	+ 0.05	2.09
Smaller Cos	137.00	145.80	+ 0.50	1.30
-do- Acc	165.80	176.40	+ 0.50	1.30
High Inc P folio	64.29	66.63	+ 0.01	4.29
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ				
0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	90.48	96.25	- 0.93	0.02
Japanese Acc	66.40	70.64†	- 0.21	...
UK Balncd Inc	132.30	140.70	+ 0.10	2.45
-do- Acc	156.00	166.00	+ 0.10	2.45
UK Growth Acc	213.50	227.10	- 0.40	1.97
UK High Inc	143.10	152.20	+ 0.20	5.82
-do- Acc	173.20	184.30	+ 0.40	5.82
N America Acc	113.60	120.80	- 0.20	0.22
European Acc	170.00	180.90†	- 0.50	0.39
UK Pref F/I Inc	62.38	66.17	- 0.21	6.66
-do- Acc	102.70	108.90	+ 0.30	6.66
Intl Sp Sits Acc	49.89	51.06†	+ 0.14	0.21
Environmntl Opp	74.91	79.69	+ 0.12	1.54
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	114.20	121.30	- 0.30	0.41
UK Smlr Cos	220.50	234.30	- 0.10	1.07
Eurofund	40.68	43.06	- 0.01	0.93
Mngd Exempt	176.20	183.60	- 1.90	2.86
Growth Inc	224.40	238.40†	- 1.00	3.15
High Dist	154.00	163.60	- 0.50	4.58
International	340.40	361.70	- 0.90	0.90
Intl Income	86.33	91.73	- 0.80	2.83
Pacific	62.28	66.17	- 0.16	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	78.89	83.82	- 0.47	...
Tokyo	218.10	231.70†	- 2.80	...
Japan Exempt	124.70	128.10	- 2.00	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	629.50	646.80	+ 8.90	0.08
Equity Income	128.10	136.10†	- 0.40	3.67
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	151.60	160.60	+ 0.10	0.46
Financial	45.04	47.96†	- 0.15	2.50
Global Opps Inc	92.51	98.29	- 0.12	1.02
-do- Acc	95.89	101.90	- 0.10	1.02
Gold Gen Inc	46.97	49.91	- 0.40	0.60
-do- Acc	90.15	95.78	- 0.77	0.60
Japan General	169.20	179.80	- 1.90	...
Preference	24.01	25.51	+ 0.06	7.13
Worldwide Cap	208.30	221.30	- 1.10	1.81
World Income	90.59	96.25	- 0.31	3.09
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU				
071 373 7261				
Endurance	185.00	196.80	..	0.91
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW				
0296 431480				
Pelican	111.00	116.84	+ 0.27	3.29
High Income	130.13	136.98	+ 0.32	4.56
Tst of Inv Tsts	164.45	173.10†	+ 0.06	2.15
Special Sits	86.84	91.41†	+ 0.43	2.09
North American	105.48	111.03†	+ 0.58	0.98
Far Eastern	262.82	276.65	- 0.94	1.52
Intl Growth	99.41	104.64	+ 0.22	1.31
European	69.61	73.27	- 0.19	1.87
Smaller Cos	73.53	77.40	+ 0.31	1.82
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE				
0273 220 707				
United Charities	239.30	254.50	...	3.84
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	142.70	151.80	- 0.60	.
High Income	27.29	28.72†	+ 0.05	5.73
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	101.00	106.80†	+ 0.20	0.52
Far Eastern	144.90	155.40	- 1.20	...
High Income	23.74	25.28†	+ 0.01	10.00
Oseas Income	93.12	98.78	- 0.09	3.04
UK Growth	100.20	107.20†	- 0.20	0.79
UK Income	107.60	115.10	..	5.21
US Smaller Cos	275.50	294.70	+ 0.10	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT				
071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	50.04	53.14	- 0.03	...
-do- Acc	50.04	53.14	- 0.03	...
Am Smllr Co	448.50	479.60	..	..
-do- Acc	458.20	490.00	..	..
Capital	300.50	319.60	+ 0.20	1.57
-do- Acc	422.60	449.50	+ 0.40	1.57
Cond Smllr Cos	50.56	54.29	- 0.40	0.88
-do- Acc	52.85	56.75	- 0.42	0.88
Convertible	127.60	135.70	..	5.37
-do- Acc	242.10	257.50	- 0.20	5.37
Emg Mark	59.29	63.34	- 0.20	...
-do- Acc	59.29	63.34	- 0.20	...
European	103.70	110.80	- 0.10	0.62
-do- Acc	108.10	115.60	...	0.62
Extra Income	315.80	335.90	- 0.20	3.67
-do- Acc	452.30	481.00	- 0.40	3.67
Financial	116.80	124.90	- 0.30	0.17
-do- Acc	122.20	130.80	- 0.20	0.17
Gilt Gth Tst	68.12	70.34	+ 0.32	5.76
-do- Acc	88.02	90.76	+ 0.42	5.76
Health Fund Inc	120.10	128.30	+ 0.10	..
-do- Acc	120.10	128.30	+ 0.10	...
Income Tst	191.60	203.80	..	3.51
-do- Acc	271.50	288.70	- 0.20	3.51
Intl Growth	337.70	360.50	- 0.90	...
-do- Acc	375.00	400.30	- 1.00	...
Japan Gen	194.00	207.50	- 0.70	..
-do- Acc	196.00	209.50	- 0.80	..
Mngd P folio Inc	96.90	102.00	- 0.20	0.81
-do- Acc	102.00	107.30	- 0.10	0.81
Monthly Income	163.50	173.90	- 0.50	3.64
Qrtly Inc	52.94	56.31	+ 0.05	5.39
-do- Acc	53.69	57.11	+ 0.05	5.39
Recovery	313.20	334.90	- 0.50	0.33
-do- Acc	368.00	393.50	- 0.50	0.33
UK Growth	48.78	52.13	- 0.12	2.42
-do- Acc	48.78	52.13	- 0.12	2.42
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH				
Dealing: 0722 411411				
Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	365.16	388.47	- 0.83	2.68
-do- Acc	745.66	793.26	- 1.70	2.68
Euro Gth Dist	116.42	123.85†	- 0.61	0.66
-do- Acc	120.91	128.63†	- 0.63	0.66
Fixed Int Dist	138.07	145.99†	+ 0.81	5.84
-do- Acc	236.34	249.99†	+ 1.39	5.84
Intl Gth Dist	81.88	87.11	- 0.40	0.60
-do- Acc	85.00	90.43	- 0.42	0.60
Nth Amer Dist	173.91	184.23	+ 0.60	0.79
-do- Acc	189.55	200.79	+ 0.65	0.79
Pac Basin Dist	262.34	279.09	- 1.23	0.01
-do- Acc	267.35	284.41	- 1.26	0.01
Stewardship Dist	318.57	338.90	- 0.40	1.82
-do- Acc	379.86	404.11	- 0.47	1.82
Stwd Inc Dist	69.01	73.41†	- 0.13	3.03
-do- Acc	85.95	91.44†	- 0.16	3.03
N Am Stwd Dist	98.35	104.63	- 0.31	.
-do- Acc	104.04	110.68	- 0.33	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	136.90	146.50	- 0.30	...
European	448.50	477.10	+ 1.30	0.69
Far East General	247.40	264.50	- 0.90	0.27
Germany	111.00	117.60	+ 0.90	0.39
Global Assets In	75.33	80.35	+ 0.30	2.01
Global Assets Ac	79.66	84.96	- 0.31	2.01
Income Inc	136.90	146.00†	- 0.60	6.03
International	303.60	324.10	- 1.40	0.86
Intl Income	81.72	86.73	- 0.07	4.39
Japan General	404.90	430.90	...	...
Smllr Cos Div	49.74	53.20	- 0.29	6.08
UK Capital Inc	176.20	188.50†	...	3.99
-do- Acc	304.00	325.20	+ 0.10	3.08
US Spec Sits	83.10	88.88	+ 0.08	1.43
US General	123.30	131.20	- 0.10	0.10
W'wide Spec Sits	139.30	148.40	- 0.20	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212				
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.39	49.61	+ 0.09	1.31
Cash Trust*	130.37	130.37†	+ 0.04	5.04
Pract Inv Inc	107.90	115.71†	- 0.33	3.97
-do- Acc	237.78	254.99†	- 0.73	3.97
UK Smaller Cos	112.36	120.39	- 0.17	0.76
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.86	29.80	+ 0.09	7.85
High Inc	34.07	36.44†	- 0.07	4.50
UK Equity Inc	136.26	145.73	- 0.33	3.73
Global Bond	30.08	31.17	+ 0.01	5.74
International Funds				
Gold Intl	84.95	91.30	- 0.58	0.46
Frontier Markets	46.96	50.36	+ 0.02	0.12
Global Inc Gth	124.84	133.09	- 0.12	1.80
UK Intl	125.64	134.37	- 0.46	0.33
Overseas Funds				
American	131.39	140.31	- 0.27	0.44
European	88.67	94.10	- 0.01	0.91
Euro Sel Opps	107.17	114.24†	- 0.10	0.64
American Emerg	89.30	95.76	+ 1.72	...
Hong Kong	118.30	126.86	- 1.98	1.96
Japan	242.17	257.23	- 2.36	...
Pacific Growth	169.16	181.40	- 1.03	0.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR.				
071 378 7979				
Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	133.70	143.00	- 0.63	0.32
American Gth	133.08	142.33	+ 0.90	...
European Gth	72.50	77.44	+ 0.01	0.61
Japan Gth	84.65	90.51	- 0.09	...
Greater China	145.98	156.13	- 0.58	2.85
Pacific Strategy	135.57	145.00	- 0.71	0.30
UK Prog Inc	80.56	84.80†	- 0.45	4.69
British Growth	50.93	53.83	- 0.17	2.47
UK Small Cos	47.09	50.36	+ 0.07	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE				
071 538 9668				
Cash	132.50	132.50	...	4.87
Gilt Fixed	130.20	138.20†	+ 0.70	5.03
Growth Equity	305.30	326.10	- 0.60	1.95
Guardhill	447.50	478.00†	- 0.40	2.03
Income Trust	116.20	124.10	...	3.30
International	166.30	177.60†	- 0.30	0.01
Japan Trust	131.70	140.60	- 0.90	.
Nth American	262.70	280.60	- 0.80	0.36
Pacific	414.70	443.00	- 2.20	...
European	386.50	412.90	+ 0.50	0.16
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW				
0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	36.69	38.90†	...	1.54
-do- Acc	38.86	40.99	...	1.54
Inc Adv Inc	30.92	32.78†	+ 0.10	3.75
-do- Acc	32.73	34.70	+ 0.10	3.75
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227300				
Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	78.61	84.21	- 0.14	0.66
Equity Income	120.30	128.00†	- 0.50	3.14
European	141.00	149.30	- 0.70	0.90
Ind Situation	78.70	83.72	- 0.33	...
Japanese	148.80	150.90	- 0.40	...
North American	94.82	100.60	- 0.30	0.02
Scandinavian	125.70	134.30†	- 0.70	...
Smaller Cos	32.23	34.29	- 0.64	1.75
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET				
Enq: 0277 263290				
Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	95.03	101.58	- 0.34	..
Asian Enterprise	139.37	149.04	- 0.22	0.34
European	411.29	435.37	- 0.74	0.88
European Inc	75.37	79.70†	- 0.29	2.72
Euro Sml Co	128.36	136.36	- 0.54	0.50
Extra Income	274.67	292.41†	- 0.08	4.59
Family of Funds	75.41	80.42	- 0.28	0.61
Global Bond	58.52	62.24†	- 0.05	6.61
High Inc	311.11	332.56	- 0.78	3.72
Income Gth	253.46	269.92	- 0.55	3.34
-do- Acc	655.61	698.21	- 1.41	3.34
International	241.08	256.99	- 1.31	0.60
Japan Spc Sh	257.40	273.90	- 1.78	..
Japan	222.21	236.69	- 1.73	..
N Amer	220.92	235.17	- 1.35	0.03
Pacific Smllr Cos	206.57	219.75	- 1.41	0.15
Pref Gilt	49.28	52.97	- 0.09	7.80
Special Sits	275.85	295.15†	- 0.55	1.63
-do- Acc	427.67	457.60	- 0.85	1.63
Best of British	58.78	62.87	- 0.21	2.36
Henderson TR				
Euro Spec Sits	50.89	54.26	- 0.45	0.50
-do- Acc	53.89	57.46	- 0.47	0.50
Global Tech	137.20	146.80	+ 0.59	..
Special Opps	116.37	125.13†	- 0.20	1.16
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
081 686 4355				
British	91.10	97.43	- 0.25	2.14
Capital	159.70	170.80	- 1.60	1.83
Dollar	316.80	338.30	- 0.40	0.01
European	211.80	226.50	+ 0.70	0.56
Far East	255.80	273.50	- 0.80	0.23
Financial	765.50	818.70†	- 1.50	1.85
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.44	28.50	+ 0.12	7.26
High Yield	109.40	116.90	- 0.30	4.19
Income	143.50	153.40	- 0.40	3.11
Intl	222.50	237.90	- 1.20	0.18
Japan Tech	75.12	80.34	- 0.29	...
Nat Resources	58.81	62.89	- 1.40	0.45
Security	307.20	328.50†	- 0.60	1.87
Smaller Cos	119.90	128.20	- 0.10	1.11
Special Sits	143.20	153.10†	- 0.50	1.54
US Smaller Cos	74.18	79.33	+ 0.43	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR				
071 626 3434.				
Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.16	29.03†	- 0.02	1.13
Special Features	29.39	31.22†	- 0.10	1.68
-do- Acc	34.98	37.16†	- 0.12	1.67
General Funds				
UK Growth	50.32	60.17	- 0.14	1.78
Assets Earnings	73.76	78.36	- 0.32	1.86
-do- Acc	93.03	98.53	- 0.25	1.86
Managed Invest	92.77	99.03	- 0.34	1.11
Rupert Children	78.45	83.62	- 0.24	2.06
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.23	50.23†	+ 0.01	4.55
Extra Inc	85.40	91.35	- 0.01	5.01
Gilt	29.34	30.80	+ 0.14	6.20
Income Gth	40.91	43.63	- 0.12	3.50
MIMstar	80.58	82.36	+ 0.22	7.57
Preference	19.86	20.03†	+ 0.02	6.49
UK Income	322.00	344.10†	- 0.60	3.21
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	64.05	68.08	+ 0.01	1.18
Property Shares	71.62	77.11†	- 0.06	1.62
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	153.00	160.40	- 0.50	4.28
European Acc	124.10	131.50†	- 0.30	1.46
European Dist	117.00	124.00†	- 0.30	1.46
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.73	51.82†	- 0.06	1.08
European Perf	125.80	133.40†	- 0.20	0.50
-do- Acc	130.00	137.90†	- 0.30	0.52
Euro Small Cos	23.70	25.18	- 0.06	0.48
French Growth	72.22	76.73	- 0.06	0.34
-do- Acc	77.15	81.97	- 0.07	0.34
Hong K/China	72.28	76.79	- 0.41	1.67
Intl Growth	54.36	57.75	- 0.22	0.59
-do- Acc	54.36	57.75	- 0.22	0.59
Japan Perf	35.49	37.71	- 0.37	...
Accum Units	35.49	37.71	- 0.37	...
Japan Smllr Cos	41.06	43.61†	- 0.24	...
Singapore Asean	92.95	98.75	- 0.63	0.19
-do- Acc	*93.61*	*99.45*	*- 0.53*	*0.19*
South East Asia	252.40	268.10	- 1.90	0.56
US Smllr Cos	107.20	113.90	- 0.20	...
-do- Acc	108.30	115.00	- 0.20	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	88.91	94.75	- 0.53	2.46
Intl Bond	58.57	59.36†	+ 0.03	5.96
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3				
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	54.50	57.98†	- 0.12	6.68
Gilt Yield	122.70	129.50†	+ 0.10	6.96
Global Income	211.10	224.60†	- 2.23	3.40
High Yield	141.90	151.00	- 0.95	5.52
Smllr Cos Div	51.77	55.07†	- 1.87	3.56
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	90.83	96.63	- 0.21	...
North American	75.85	80.69	- 0.30	0.42
European	139.60	148.50	+ 0.10	1.51
Euro Special	83.17	88.48	- 0.09	1.41
General	271.60	288.90	- 2.00	3.09
Japan	459.20	488.50	...	...
Japanese Special	262.70	279.50	+ 2.10	...
Master Acc	231.10	245.80	- 0.80	1.26
Pacific	290.10	308.60	- 1.80	0.52
Smaller Cor	106.40	113.20	+ 0.32	1.49
UK Equity Gth	39.42	41.94†	+ 0.76	1.67
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB				
031 558 5151				
European	79.16	84.21	-0.431	0.90
Extra Income	24.96	26.55†	- 0.04	3.58
Far East	29.29	31.16†	- 0.01	0.26
Income Gwth	74.57	79.33†	- 0.21	2.88
Intl Growth	*53.89*	*57.33†*	*- 0.21*	*0.60*
Japan	69.52	73.96	- 0.15	...
Maximum Dist*	100.20	102.20	+ 0.10	6.81
N Amer Equity	38.75	41.22	- 0.07	0.35
UK Equity	90.55	96.33	- 0.19	2.67
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.95	57.39	- 0.52	4.36
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex				
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	440.80	468.90†	- 1.50	2.63
Equity Acc	849.80	904.00†	- 2.90	2.63
Equity Income	98.32	104.60	- 0.20	4.28
European	102.70	109.30†	- 0.10	1.67
Far Eastern	197.40	210.00†	- 1.10	...
Fixed Interest	55.43	58.89†	+ 0.11	5.93
Gilt	97.03	102.90	+ 0.40	5.89
Global Growth	71.21	75.76	- 0.22	0.45
Intl Bond	57.21	60.78†	- 0.06	4.67
Japanese	76.10	80.96	- 0.68	...
Overseas Equity	104.00	110.60	- 0.60	0.05
Pacific Gth	91.87	97.73†	+ 1.47	0.47
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF				
0634 834313				
Balanced	327.10	348.00	- 1.10	2.72
-do- Acc	718.30	764.20	- 2.50	2.72
Contl Euro Gth	55.23	58.14	...	1.15
-do- Acc	58.41	61.49	+ 0.01	1.15
Extra Inc	254.10	270.40	...	3.56
-do- Acc	628.40	668.70	- 2.50	3.56
German Gth	113.10	119.10	+ 0.40	0.07
-do- Acc	118.60	124.90	+ 0.40	0.07
Growth Port	506.60	539.00†	- 1.40	0.48
-do- Acc	510.20	542.80	- 1.40	0.48
Income	477.80	508.30	- 2.50	3.46
-do- Acc	1225.0	1304.0	- 7.00	3.46
Income Port	509.70	542.30	- 1.10	4.14
-do- Acc	517.30	550.40	- 1.10	4.14
Japan Growth	107.50	114.40	- 0.50	0.01
-do- Acc	107.90	114.80	- 0.60	0.01
Master Trust	54.22	57.69	- 0.17	1.21
-do- Acc	59.69	63.51	- 0.19	1.21
N American Gen	184.20	196.00	- 1.50	0.01
-do- Acc	212.80	226.40	- 1.70	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	139.10	148.00	- 0.10	0.01
-do- Acc	142.00	151.10	+ 0.20	0.01
Pacific Basin	217.20	231.10	- 1.70	0.61
-do- Acc	229.60	244.30	- 1.80	0.61
Small Cos Rec	335.70	353.40	+10.20	2.21
-do- Acc	437.10	460.20	+13.40	2.21
UK Growth	81.46	86.66	+ 0.93	2.26
-do- Acc	95.97	102.10	+ 1.10	2.26
Worldwide Gth	295.30	314.20	+ 2.10	0.20
-do- Acc	435.50	463.40	+ 3.20	0.20
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS				
0392 282673				
General	81.47	87.41	- 0.04	2.70
Income	64.48	69.18†	+ 0.01	5.00
International	59.25	63.57	- 0.29	0.70
American	59.56	63.91	- 0.22	0.30
Japan	57.72	61.93†	- 0.40	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	62.40	66.95	- 0.17	1.70
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB				
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	379.80	401.60	- 1.10	0.90
-do- Acc	469.20	496.20	- 1.40	0.90
American Rec	417.40	441.40	- 0.50	0.13
-do- Acc	478.30	505.70	- 0.60	0.13
Am Sm Co Acc	126.70	133.90	+ 0.70	...
Australia Acc	164.00	173.30	- 0.80	1.19
Capital	717.60	758.90†	- 1.40	2.22
-do- Acc	801.50	847.60	- 1.60	2.22
Commodity Acc	429.30	454.10	- 3.80	0.97
Compnd Gth	875.20	925.70	- 2.30	2.57
Dividend	38.20	40.40	...	4.02
-do- Acc	151.30	160.00	- 0.10	4.02
Equity Inc	323.50	342.10†	- 0.20	4.39
European Div	64.30	68.00	- 0.20	3.78
-do- Acc	74.40	78.80	- 0.10	3.78
European Gen	431.40	456.20	- 0.20	0.84
-do- Acc	542.00	573.10	- 0.20	0.84
Extra Yield	400.80	423.80†	- 0.20	4.10
-do- Acc	1197.4	1266.3	- 0.50	4.10
Far Eastern	320.50	338.90†	- 2.10	0.44
-do- Acc	422.80	447.10	- 2.80	0.44
Fund of Inv	555.00	586.90	- 0.40	2.03
-do- Acc	1012.4	1070.5	- 0.80	2.03
General	57.10	60.40	- 0.10	3.47
-do- Acc	152.70	161.60	- 0.30	3.47
Gilt Fxd Int	66.08	66.17†	+ 0.36	7.07
do Acc	168.46	168.68	+ 0.91	7.07
Gold	52.20	55.20	- 0.30	0.95
-do- Acc	61.30	64.80	+ 0.20	0.95
High Inc	27.00	28.60	...	4.16
-do- Acc	102.30	108.30	...	4.16
Intl Growth	71.10	75.30	- 0.30	0.69
-do- Acc	123.10	130.20	- 0.50	0.69
Intl Inc	98.40	104.10	...	4.41
Japan Gen Acc	54.20	57.30	- 0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	163.40	172.70	- 0.50	...
Midland	60.00	63.40	+ 0.10	2.87
-do- Acc	192.00	203.10	+ 0.30	2.87
Recovery	38.70	40.90	- 0.10	2.45
-do- Acc	61.60	65.20	- 0.10	2.45
Second Gen	67.00	70.90	- 0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	166.00	175.70	- 0.20	3.20
Smaller Cos	65.20	69.00†	...	2.81
-do- Acc	125.30	132.40	...	2.81
Trustee	42.20	44.60	- 0.10	3.57
Charibond 3	$117.40	...	+ 0.30	9.18
Charifund 2	681.60	690.50	- 2.60	5.30
Pension ex 1	894.60	917.00	- 0.40	4.13
NAACIF Inc 3	*348.71*	..	...	*6.82*
-do- Acc 3	$1202.1	...	+ 5.00	6.82
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X. CH99 9QG				
0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	143.20	153.20	- 0.26	1.91
-do- Acc	160.90	171.60	- 0.26	1.91
UK Income	120.10	128.40	- 0.54	2.34
-do- Acc	135.70	145.10	- 0.54	2.34
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	88.58	94.74	- 0.28	0.42
Far East	143.70	152.90	- 1.00	0.16
Income Growth	75.28	79.91†	+ 0.09	2.96
European	74.34	78.92	- 0.40	1.09
Nth American	56.99	60.60	- 0.19	0.43
UK Growth	81.96	87.01	+ 0.23	1.97
Intl Growth	100.30	106.50	- 0.10	0.33
Charities	114.50	121.90†	+ 0.20	3.90
Intl Income	70.71	75.05†	...	4.12
Japan	58.41	62.01	- 0.29	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	188.10	199.60	...	...
-do- Acc	201.00	213.20	...	...
Cash	100.80	100.80	...	5.55
-do- Acc	130.90	130.90	...	5.55
Emg Mkts Acc	96.35	103.60	...	..
European Gth	209.50	222.00†	...	0.72
-do- Acc	225.60	239.00†	...	0.72
General	482.20	514.00	...	2.35
-do- Acc	922.90	983.70	...	2.35
Global Dist	130.00	136.70	...	5.34
-do- Acc	149.50	157.10	...	5.34
Income	146.10	155.60†	...	4.38
-do- Acc	217.00	231.10†	...	4.38
International	*411.40*	*438.40*	...	*0.64*
-do- Acc	547.10	583.10	...	0.64
Japan Acc	205.60	218.10	...	...
New Europe	152.40	162.60	...	1.60
-do- Acc	154.90	165.20	...	1.60
Recovery	305.40	325.80	...	2.75
-do- Acc	385.90	411.60	...	2.75
European Inc	78.00	82.60	...	2.95
-do- Acc	101.00	106.90	...	2.95
Brit Blue Chip	75.45	80.22	...	3.14
-do- Acc	88.98	94.60	...	3.14
Portfolio	76.75	81.58	...	2.78
-do- Acc	88.07	93.62	...	2.78
Gold General	122.60	131.80	...	0.71
-do- Acc	125.40	134.80	...	0.71
Pacific	99.66	106.30	...	0.79
-do- Acc	105.90	113.00	...	0.79
UK Smaller Cos	56.55	60.32†	...	1.80
-do- Acc	63.54	67.78†	...	1.80
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD				
Dealing: 0742 529 280				
Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.39	63.48	- 0.08	2.56
-do- Acc	60.27	64.46	- 0.08	2.56
British Dist	79.66	85.20	- 0.24	2.03
-do- Acc	90.18	96.45	- 0.27	2.03
European Gth	185.60	198.50	- 0.30	0.02
-do- Acc	233.10	249.30	- 0.30	0.02
Extra High Inc	73.07	78.15	- 0.05	5.45
-do- Acc	130.70	139.80	- 0.10	5.45
FT-SE 100 Index	49.98	53.45	- 0.17	2.61
-do- Acc	50.72	54.25	- 0.17	2.61
Gilt Fixed Int	58.00	60.39	+ 0.21	6.54
-do- Acc	156.90	163.40	+ 0.60	6.54
High Yield	233.80	250.10	- 0.40	4.39
-do- Acc	549.10	587.30	- 0.70	4.39
Income	292.10	312.40	- 0.50	3.10
-do- Acc	617.60	660.50	- 1.00	3.10
Japan Gth	364.40	389.70	- 3.20	...
-do- Acc	384.60	411.30	- 3.50	...
Mandarin Acc	105.00	112.30	- 0.40	0.79
North American	164.50	175.90	- 1.00	0.52
-do- Acc	207.50	221.90	- 1.30	0.52
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT				
Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enq: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	281.70	299.60	+ 0.70	...
Deposit Inc	100.00	100.00†	+ 0.03	5.29
Deposit Acc	123.85	123.85†	+ 0.03	5.29
Euro Gth Acc	313.60	335.20	- 1.30	..
Europa	136.90	147.80†	- 0.03	...
Intl Gth	176.40	188.40	- 0.70	...
Japan Tracker	80.82	89.62	- 0.46	...
UK Equity Inc	163.70	176.10	- 0.60	3.76
-do- Acc	200.70	216.00	- 0.70	3.76
UK Ind Tracker	147.70	158.10†	- 0.60	3.04
US Eq Ind Trkr	190.80	202.40†	- 0.60	1.46
-do- Acc	203.00	215.30†	- 0.70	1.46
Asian Trader	174.90	189.50	- 1.50	0.42
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	167.00	171.20†	- 0.10	1.76
European	65.85	67.13†	+ 0.01	1.64
Olympiad	59.21	60.77†	- 0.12	0.20
Global Bond	48.90	49.45†	+ 0.12	6.13
Smaller Cos	71.07	74.32	+ 0.24	1.20
Equity Income	95.02	97.64†	- 0.06	5.06
UK Growth	86.25	89.03	- 0.24	1.77
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222				
Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.00	50.13	- 0.08	1.19
Australian Acc	311.30	334	- 1.50	...
Conscience	65.91	70.34	+ 1.37	1.19
-do- Acc	71.15	75.93	+ 1.48	1.19
European	179.10	190.50	- 0.10	0.90
-do- Acc	192.60	204.60	- 0.30	0.90
Extra Income	75.11	80.15†	- 0.04	5.54
-do- Acc	116.30	124.10	- 0.10	5.54
Far East Gth	175.70	187.80	- 1.20	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.38	63.72†	+ 0.14	6.21
Gold	43.00	46.23	- 0.61	...
-do- Acc	46.31	49.79	- 0.61	...
Income	54.76	58.41	- 0.19	4.73
-do- Acc	167.60	178.70	- 0.60	4.73
International	30.78	33.00	- 0.13	0.64
-do- Acc	44.22	47.42	- 0.19	0.64
Jap Sm Cos Acc	372.60	397.40	- 1.00	...
S pore Mly Acc	217.60	233.30	+ 3.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.66	28.66	+ 0.02	0.65
Special Sits	33.87	36.41	+ 0.05	1.73
-do- Acc	39.01	41.94	+ 0.06	1.73
Tokyo	89.38	95.33	- 0.65	...
-do- Acc	90.29	96.30	- 0.66	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF				
061 237 5528				
N&P UK Growth	69.50	73.94	- 0.17	2.64
N&P Glt Fxd Int	78.17	82.73†	+ 0.17	5.56
N&P Higher Inc	212.90	226.50	- 0.10	4.53
N&P UK Income	107.10	114.00	- 0.30	3.49
N&P Intl	91.38	97.22	- 0.33	1.78
N&P Smaller Cos	79.39	84.46†	- 0.02	1.51
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR				
071 332 9000				
General	173.53	184.61	- 0.10	2.02
Global	307.58	327.22†	+ 0.19	3.06
Growth	114.39	121.59	- 0.01	1.83
Income	214.13	227.80	- 0.38	3.70
Intl Bond	136.21	144.64	...	6.76
Intrepid Fd	97.83	101.08	...	1.20
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 50A, Peterborough PE2 6BR				
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	143.90	151.50	...	2.45
-do- Acc	255.10	268.60	...	2.45
Income	231.90	246.60	- 0.50	3.27
Intl Equity	231.20	246.00†	- 0.70	0.71
-do- Acc	254.80	271.00	- 0.80	0.71
Equity	225.80	240.20	- 0.20	2.32
-do- Acc	461.00	492.50	- 0.40	2.32
UK Intl 25 Acc	72.85	77.49	- 0.14	1.80
UK Income	63.42	67.46	- 0.13	2.83
UK Smllr Co Acc	81.81	87.03	+ 0.10	1.39
New Europe Acc	65.15	69.30	- 0.17	0.95
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	101.63	108.70	- 0.65	0.26
PEP Growth	107.05	114.50	- 0.49	1.12
Intl Gth	517.59	553.58	- 2.43	0.45
Income	329.39	352.29	- 1.10	2.92
W wide Recov	330.44	353.42	- 1.42	0.34
American Gth	212.35	227.12	- 1.28	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	202.54	216.63	- 0.60	0.05
Far East Gth	235.80	252.20	- 2.19	0.20
European Gth	124.58	133.25	- 0.43	0.94
UK Growth	82.40	88.13	- 0.22	2.53
High Income	89.50	95.73	- 0.14	4.20
Japanese Gth	229.05	243.71	- 2.33	0.03
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	186.10	198.00	- 0.40	0.65
High Income	114.30	121.60	- 1.50	3.47
Conv Gilt	116.80	124.90†	...	5.52
Far East	329.10	350.10†	- 1.20	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.07	35.18	- 0.12	4.87
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.31	54.59	- 0.18	0.20
Emerging Mkts	*71.14*	*75.68*	*- 0.10*	*0.50*
General	49.39	52.54	- 0.13	3.06
International	88.07	93.69	- 0.34	1.28
Gilt Units	27.31	28.15†	+ 0.89	7.07
Global PEP	36.86	39.21	- 0.06	1.96
Income Gth	70.90	75.43†	+ 1.32	4.42
European	46.54	49.51	- 0.12	0.61
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.07	28.80†	+ 0.07	5.43
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL				
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490				
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314				
Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	32.85	35.13	- 0.08	1.51
Pru Cth Ffyn Inc	101.25	101.74†	+ 0.02	4.75
-do- Acc	106.43	106.95†	+ 0.02	4.75
Pru Equity	687.97	735.79	- 1.54	2.45
Pru Equity Inc	82.92	88.68†	+ 0.09	4.36
Pru European	186.67	199.64	- 0.25	0.83
Pru Global Gth	82.36	88.08†	- 0.30	1.21
Pru High Inc	89.65	95.88†	- 0.19	4.49
Pru Intl	166.15	177.70	- 0.81	1.05
Pru Intl Sm Co	72.13	77.14	- 0.19	0.64
Pru Japanese	208.93	223.45	- 1.72	...
Pru Nth Amer	149.69	160.09	- 0.49	0.78
Pru Pacific Mkt	82.04	87.74†	- 0.17	1.05
Pru Premr Inc	51.53	53.69†	- 0.45	5.04
Pru Smllr Cos	86.06	92.04	- 0.04	2.13
Pru Spec Sits	101.71	108.78	- 0.37	2.31
Pru UK Growth	112.57	120.39†	- 1.23	2.39
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR				
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	163.09	174.30	+ 0.01	3.45
FA Japan	291.23	309.95	- 1.73	...
FA Maj UK Cos	94.70	101.15	- 0.27	2.48
FA America Inc	509.58	542.64†	+ 0.05	0.88
-do- Acc	593.82	632.34	+ 0.06	0.88
FA Smlr UK Cos	281.41	304.32†	- 0.10	1.52
FA European	270.46	286.79	- 1.60	1.21
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB				
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.20	77.87	- 0.09	3.58
Capital Units	149.20	158.70	...	1.09
Commodity	101.40	107.90†	- 0.60	1.13
European Gth	168.90	179.70	+ 0.30	1.09
Financial Sec	183.50	195.20	- 0.30	1.30
High Return	218.30	232.20	- 2.30	3.74
High Yield	215.80	229.60†	- 0.50	3.66
Income Units	114.40	121.70†	- 0.20	4.52
Investment	189.80	201.90	+ 0.20	1.04
Japan Gth	168.90	179.70†	- 0.60	...
Japan Smaller	199.70	212.40	- 0.70	...
Masterfund	49.32	52.47	- 0.02	0.86
Scotbits	273.70	291.20	- 0.60	0.98
Scotshares	266.80	283.80	- 0.28	2.41
Scotyields	230.70	245.40†	+ 0.20	3.85
Select Intl	132.90	141.40	- 0.10	0.58
Smaller Cos	239.20	254.50†	- 0.60	3.02
Special Situation	112.70	119.90	- 0.30	0.63
UK Equity	231.50	246.30	+ 0.30	2.67
US Growth	140.20	149.10	- 0.20	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EL. Client Enq: 0800 526 535				
Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	237.90	253.06	+ 1.40	0.56
-do- Acc	257.75	274.16	+ 1.52	0.56
Australian	131.34	140.09†	+ 0.82	0.33
-do- Acc	155.19	165.54	+ 0.97	0.33
UK Enterprise	227.25	242.40	- 1.02	2.16
-do- Acc	265.57	283.26	- 1.20	2.16
European Gth	65.27	69.40	- 0.01	1.21
-do- Acc	67.79	72.09	...	1.21
Euro Smllr Cos	60.93	64.97	- 0.08	0.59
-do- Acc	61.35	65.42	- 0.07	0.59
Far Eastern Gth	77.15	82.29†	- 0.57	...
-do- Acc	78.40	83.62	- 0.57	...
Fixed Interest	54.81	57.70†	+ 0.04	5.84
-do- Acc	68.88	72.59	+ 0.05	5.84
Gilt Income	106.90	112.67†	- 0.05	7.13
-do- Acc	153.42	161.71†	+ 0.07	7.13
Income	334.88	357.20†	- 1.53	3.92
-do- Acc	1006.4	1073.5	- 4.60	3.92
Japan Enterprise	70.75	75.46	- 0.41	...
-do- Acc	70.75	75.46	- 0.61	...
Japan Smllr Cos	514.72	549.03	- 2.67	...
-do- Acc	515.79	550.13	- 2.68	...
Pacific Gth	101.95	108.74†	- 1.16	0.09
-do- Acc	104.97	111.97	- 1.19	0.09
Smaller Cos	202.94	216.46	+ 0.24	0.83
-do- Acc	234.71	250.35	+ 0.27	0.83
Tokyo	117.27	125.08†	- 0.30	...
-do- Acc	118.45	126.34	- 0.31	...
UK Equity	222.79	237.64	- 0.69	2.52
-do- Acc	418.27	446.14	- 1.30	2.52
US Smllr Cos	140.59	149.96	+ 0.69	...
-do- Acc	140.59	149.96	+ 0.69	...
World Fd	73.98	78.91†	- 0.12	1.70
-do- Acc	78.64	83.88	- 0.13	1.70
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ				
041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.87	53.11	+ 0.26	3.72
Equity Strategy	66.25	70.56	+ 0.42	1.04
European Opps	77.16	82.18	+ 0.77	3.21
Maximum Inc	98.29	100.83	+ 0.05	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	58.19	61.97	+ 0.07	1.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	357.50	381.80	- 1.30	2.75
American	272.10	286.30	- 0.70	0.74
Pacific	354.00	372.60	- 2.50	0.55
European	482.20	515.70	- 0.60	1.07
Worldwide	85.48	91.42	- 0.19	1.07
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN				
041 248 6100				
UK Equity	311.10	331.00	- 0.60	2.03
UK Sm Cos Eqty	220.98	235.10	...	1.96
European	352.10	374.60	- 1.10	1.57
North American	260.20	276.90	+ 0.20	0.59
Income Plus Inc	69.00	73.41†	- 0.07	2.79
UK Spec Sits	72.26	76.88	...	2.16
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA				
031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	26.91	28.80	- 0.01	2.74
Intl Growth Acc	30.63	32.78	- 0.13	1.00
Market Ldrs Acc	26.78	28.66	- 0.05	2.82
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	‡107.90	...	+ 0.30	...
Global Bond	‡105.50	...	+ 0.60	7.13
Japan Samurai	‡100.00	...	- 0.80	...
UK Growth	‡101.50	...	- 0.10	3.90
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ				
0800 393777				
Managed	46.40	49.30	...	1.46
Equity Gth Acc	63.85	67.85	- 0.10	1.08
UK Eq General	43.55	46.28	...	2.11
-do- Acc	57.51	61.11	...	2.11
European Acc	44.23	47.00	+ 0.10	0.74
Far East Acc	59.39	63.11	...	0.30
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.20	35.11	+ 0.20	5.81
N American Acc	43.40	46.12	- 0.10	0.66
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	292.10	317.00	- 0.40	1.23
UK Eq High Inc	*37.96*	*40.34*	...	*3.40*
-do- Acc	45.08	47.90	...	3.40
UK Lgr Cos Inc	302.80	328.60	- 0.10	3.65
UK Lgr Cos Acc	394.30	427.80	- 0.10	3.65
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ83.77	NZ84.01	...	1.33
US Eq	$2.197	$2.334	...	1.14
Far East Eq	Y255.6	Y271.5	...	...
Japan Eq	Y260.4	Y276.5	...	...
FT Europe	118.60	125.90	...	2.07
FT North Am	$1.752	$1.857	...	1.29
FT Japan	Y249.9	Y265.5	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.022	$2.147	...	1.42
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh				
031 226 3271				
American	343.70	366.60	- 1.70	0.33
British	988.20	1045.5†	- 3.00	3.43
European	426.10	453.80	- 1.40	1.29
Japan	160.20	170.00	- 0.80	...
New Pacific	315.70	336.20	- 0.40	0.97
Mngd Cash	96.16	96.16	+ 0.00	5.07
Majority Stig	100.36	101.37	+ 0.03	4.78
Inv Tst	200.40	212.40†	- 1.50	1.69
Saints PPP	408.20	428.70	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex				
0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	760.80	813.70	- 1.70	2.75
N America Acc	119.60	127.90	- 0.20	0.19
Far East Acc	133.20	142.50	- 0.60	0.22
W wide Bond	63.16	67.05	- 0.04	5.26
European	89.67	95.90	- 0.01	0.67
Equity Income	88.76	94.93	- 0.22	3.65
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ				
Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.59	35.93†	- 0.19	0.53
Managed Assets	124.06	132.69	+ 0.01	2.75
UK Income	38.78	41.48	- 0.08	2.99
UK Growth	38.13	40.79	- 0.02	2.21
Worldwide Gth	32.65	34.92†	- 0.13	0.55
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE				
0264 346794				
American	213.61	227.24†	- 1.38	...
-do- Acc	215.27	229.29†	- 1.52	...
British Gth	88.16	93.79†	- 0.99	1.98
-do- Acc	103.68	110.30†	- 1.17	1.98
European	100.79	107.22†	- 1.40	0.69
-do- Acc	107.11	113.95†	- 1.49	0.69
Extra Inc	193.37	205.71†	- 2.01	3.99
-do- Acc	315.74	335.89†	- 3.28	3.99
General Unit	272.30	289.68	- 4.93	2.44
-do- Acc	543.94	578.65	- 9.85	2.44
Income	341.81	363.63	- 0.84	3.49
-do- Acc	710.29	755.63	- 1.75	3.49
International	501.81	533.84	- 2.17	0.24
-do- Acc	656.92	698.85	- 2.84	0.24
Pacific	361.16	384.21	- 4.84	...
-do- Acc	379.49	403.71	- 5.09	...
Premier Income	34.16	36.42	+ 0.16	6.22
-do- Acc	114.53	119.30	+ 0.39	6.22
Nat Resources	124.07	131.99	- 3.90	...
-do- Acc	136.16	144.86	- 4.27	...
Selected Opps	100.67	107.10†	- 1.38	1.14
-do- Acc	126.98	135.09†	- 1.74	1.14
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX				
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	69.86	74.30	- 0.24	...
-do- Acc	71.86	76.65	- 0.23	...
European Opps	64.75	68.75	- 0.19	0.43
-do- Acc	65.42	69.46	- 0.20	0.43
Japan	94.75	101.06	- 0.52	...
-do- Acc	94.75	101.06	- 0.52	...
Little Dragons	82.59	86.09	- 0.15	0.56
-do- Acc	85.02	90.68	- 0.14	0.56
Oriental Income	44.21	47.15	- 0.18	3.37
-do- Acc	58.30	62.07	- 0.24	3.37
Tiger	225.91	240.97	- 0.35	1.09
-do- Acc	237.33	253.15	- 0.38	1.09
UK Small Cos	89.03	95.21	+ 0.46	1.67
-do- Acc	103.87	111.09	+ 0.55	1.67
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ				
031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	16.72	17.78	- 0.22	0.90
Pacific Basin	35.08	37.31	+ 0.47	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.93	38.22	+ 0.26	...
Global Bond	$0.984	$1.025	+0.002	6.93
Penny Share	25.82	27.46	+ 0.15	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT				
071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.33	53.34	+ 0.01	4.88
Gilt Growth	72.87	75.78	+ 0.41	...
Gilt Income	53.93	56.12†	+ 0.15	7.00
Short Dtd Gilt	111.10	112.60	+ 0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.730	$0.729	+0.000	...
Challenger	98.82	101.10	+ 0.70	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG				
081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	71.46	76.03	+ 0.09	1.88

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

Suitors circle the betrothed in first reel of Paramount bid


Turner: potential counter bid

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

SERIOUS counter bidders are beginning to circle Paramount Communications, among the last of the big solvent Hollywood studios up for sale. In *Indecent Proposal*, its most recent box office hit, a character played by Robert Redford offers $1 million for one night with another man's wife, played by Demi Moore. In the bid for Paramount, the plot is much the same, but the stakes are higher.

The Hollywood studio is already betrothed to Viacom, the cable television giant, with Sumner Redstone, its determined chairman, in a deal valued on the day at $8.3 billion. The two have a pre-nuptial poison pill agreement designed to ward off casual affairs. But it is not working. One Wall Street banker said yesterday: "I expect maybe three to four bids before the Paramount affair is over."

Paramount shares climbed 87.5 cents yesterday to $69.375, topping Viacom's cash and share terms which are now valued at $68.725 or $8.14 billion. Wall Street is talking first counter shots of $70 a share valuing Paramount at about $8.4 billion. But in a heated joint statement yesterday, Paramount and Viacom said: "Notwithstanding the obviously orchestrated attempt to denigrate the assets of Viacom, it strains the limits of credulity to suggest that a hybrid music shopping channel could undermine MTV, which is now before 240 million homes around the world.

"No hostile takeover bid will be permitted to obstruct the well-considered and well-studied judgment of the boards of directors of Paramount and Viacom that the merger of the two companies will create for their shareholders a global media entity unparalleled in the entertainment world. Both companies are unequivocally committed to the consummation of this transaction," they added.

The number of potential counter suitors is now up to seven, many cheered on by Wall Street investment banks who until this year have been starved of action in the lucrative bids and deals arena. Leading the field is Barry Diller and QVC, his home shopping company. A former top Paramount executive and ex-chairman and chief executive of Fox Inc, the film and television company, Mr Diller was given permission to counter bid at meetings over this weekend by both his two largest shareholders who will each chip in $500 million to the takeover. Mr Diller has also had talks with Ted Turner, whose broadcasting empire includes CNN, about mounting a joint takeover. Mr Turner held merger talks with Paramount earlier this year.

Other contenders include Bertelsmann, the German giant, which has just completed a deal to challenge MTV, Viacom's pop music channel; Blockbuster Entertainment; and Cox Enterprises, the sixth largest cable company in the US. The potential deals are complicated by an incestuous web of relationships between many of the cable television companies: QVC is part owned by Comcast Corporation and Liberty Media. Comcast also a big shareholder of Turner with a seat on the board. John Malone, Liberty's chairman, is chief executive of Tele-Communications (the largest of the cable companies) which used to own Liberty and still owns a 23 per cent stake in Turner. Time Warner, the entertainment giant, also owns a 19 per cent stake in Turner and a 9 per cent stake in QVC. Four years ago Time Warner fought off a takeover from Paramount and instead merged in a $14 billion deal with Warner Communications, leaving it with large debts. It now wants to sell its Turner stake which is valued at about $1.4 billion.

MAI unveils 13% rise and television hopes

BY PATRICIA TEHAN BANKING CORRESPONDENT

■ Meridian, the new broadcasting subsidiary of MAI, suffered a £3.5 million loss in its first half year but may achieve profits six months earlier than expected

LORD Hollick's media and financial services group, MAI, unveiled a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £80 million, in the year to end-June and said that trading in the new financial year had started well.

Meridian, MAI's new broadcasting subsidiary, of which it holds 61 per cent, made a £3.5 million loss in its first six months, and was expected to move into profit by June next year. However, Lord Hollick said that the company was "in danger of doing that six months early" and moving to profit by December. He said that it has beaten its advertising targets and managed costs within budgets.

Meridian took over the TVS television franchise at the beginning of the year.

Meridian and broadcasting are at the core of MAI's expansion plans. Lord Hollick said that there may be opportunities with Channel 5 and with cable television.

MAI has cash resources of £55 million. It plans to use them to explore broadcasting opportunities, and to invest in new technology and new products for existing businesses.

MAI said that Meridian exceeded its revenue and financial targets and boosted audience ratings in the first six months, and had some ratings successes for its network programmes, including *Harnessing Peacocks* and *Coltrane in a Cadillac*.

MAI has increased its dividend payment for the year by 15 per cent, to 6.9p. Earnings per share were also 15 per cent up, at 15.8p. Turnover rose by 36 per cent, to £528 million.

Sir Ian Morrow, chairman since 1974, announced his intention to retire after the annual meeting in November. He is to be succeeded by Sir James McKinnon, currently deputy chairman.

Sir Ian said: "Our major businesses achieved record results, and Meridian has made an impressive debut. Trading in the current year has got off to a good start. Volumes in the wholesale financial markets remain at a high level and the slowly improving trend in the UK economy is beginning to lift demand in the group's other businesses."

Profit from MAI's money and securities broking business increased by 27 per cent, to £55.9 million, and the company said that many of its products gained market share.

Declining interest rates and record levels of government and corporate debt issuance boosted its securities business, notably in New York, the group said.

It said that the money broking businesses in North America, London and Europe enjoyed useful advances, but businesses in Far East markets suffered from low volumes and the problems of the Japanese banking industry.

Retail financial services profits rose from £6.5 million to £7.7 million. The Wagon Finance, a car finance operation, increased profits by 30 per cent, but Safeguard, the insurance broking business, suffered a small loss.

The information division increased its profits by 70 per cent, to £8 million, with a strong performance from market research and a first-time contribution from its new financial information unit. The division has developed a global, 24-hour money market and foreign exchange price feed, which is being sold under long-term contracts.

Property profits fell, from £3.4 million in the corresponding period last year, to £3 million. The company invested in three prime properties outside London, so rental income increased, but sold little, which offset rental advances.

Net interest received fell from £10.4 million to £9.1 million because of to lower interest rates.

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INCREASED export sales helped lift pre-tax profits at Dinkie Heel, the shoe components group, by 180 per cent to £309,000 (£110,000) in the six months to end-June. Chris Ball, managing director, pictured, said reductions in fixed overheads also helped. The dividend rises 43 per cent to 0.50p (0.35p).

Wellcome links with Centocor

Wellcome, the pharmaceuticals group, is to join forces with Centocor to develop and market Centocor's cancer treatment drugs. The agreement includes the drug Panorex, expected to be the alliance's lead product.

Wellcome, which will take a stake of up to 5 per cent in Centocor, will also make future payments, the structure of which is undecided.

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Refuge payout

Refuge Group, the insurance and fund management firm, is lifting its interim dividend from 9.6p to 10.35p and seeking shareholder approval to issue two new shares for every one held. The group said that the scrip issue will improve the shares' marketability.

ICI buyout

ICI, the chemicals company, is to sell its Victrex polyetheretherketone (PEEK) business to a management buyout for an undisclosed sum. The buyout is backed by a consortium of financial institutions.

CHG slips

Community Hospitals Group, the private hospitals-to-nursing homes business, reported pre-tax profits in the year to end-June down to £6.06 million (£6.75 million). The total dividend is 6.9p, after a final of 4.5p.

Honda move

Honda, battling the effects of the high yen, is to stop selling Japan-made Accord and Civic models to the US and move production to its plants in Ohio.

Morgan Crucible keeps on cutting

BY CARL MORTISHED

POOR trading conditions in continental Europe and Japan are forcing Morgan Crucible, the industrial materials group, to keep up pressure on costs. It is forecast that 500 jobs will be shed over the next six months.

The company's shares surged 22p, to 323p, on the announcement of a 5 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £32.5 million for the half year to June 30. Analysts, however, attributed the price movement to the company's better financial health. Morgan produced positive net cash flow of £5 million in the six months, compared with a £26.4 million outflow the previous time.

Dr Bruce Farmer, managing director, said job cuts would be spread across the group; they will follow the departure of 250 staff in the first half, which cost the group £800,000. "We have taken 20 per cent of the workforce out since the beginning of the recession," he said. Morgan has reduced its exposure to UK markets from 60 per cent to 14 per cent in the past ten years and now manufactures in 37 countries.

Overseas earnings, combined with a weaker pound, helped the results. Sales were up 19 per cent, to £401 million, with a £42 million boost from currencies, while operating profits climbed from £35.1 million to £40.8 million.

Order intake improved by 7 per cent during the interim period and Dr Farmer hopes the prices of some products can be increased next year if the trend continues. The debt-equity ratio at Morgan, of which Graham Swetman is finance chief, was 66 per cent on June 30. The interest bill of £8.3 million was covered five times by operating profits. The dividend is maintained at 5.75p.

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Swetman, left, and Farmer have interest well covered

Bryant sees limited UK upturn

BY OUR CITY STAFF

RECOVERY in the housing market is under way according to Bryant Group, the housebuilder, but it adds that the upturn is patchy and slow.

In spite of competitive mortgage rates and improved affordability ratios, Colin Hope, Bryant's chairman, said yesterday: "We are not looking at a boom-type of recovery at all."

Mr Hope said the "limited" pick-up in the economy had benefited the group's housing operations, but had yet to filter down to its property and construction businesses. As a result, pre-tax profit slipped from £20.3 million to £18.3 million for the year to May 31.

The expansion of Bryant's housebuilding business northwards lifted the division's operating profit from £15.6 million to £17.4 million. House completions increased by 21 per cent to a record level of 2,815, and with reservations running 30 per cent ahead of last year, the group expects to exceed 3,000 this year.

The average selling price was £83,000, down from £86,000 last year. There was a slight improvement in the second half, reflecting Bryant's strategy of selling more three- and four-bedroom homes. One- and two-bedroom houses now account for less than 15 per cent of sales against 25 per cent a year ago.

Mr Hope says the group will increasingly focus on housebuilding rather than construction and property and has set itself a target of 4,000 completions per year.

A final dividend of 3.4p brings the total for the year to 4.8p, unchanged on last year.

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Close bullish on economy

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

CLOSE Brothers, the City merchant bank, gave a bullish forecast about prospects for economic recovery yesterday as it unveiled a 42 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £17.82 million for the year to end-July.

Rod Kent, the managing director, said that he has found it difficult to understand why so many company chairmen have been cautious or negative in their comments about their prospects for the year ahead. He said all parts of Close's business are doing well. "With our very diverse set of activities, we are seeing quite a broadly spread recovery," he said. He said that recovery "really got into a different gear in the spring".

Earnings rose 22 per cent, to 27.5p a share, and the dividend for the year is up by 16 per cent, to 11p.

Mr Kent said that Close does not try to compete with big merchant banking rivals, concentrating instead on serving small companies.

Since buying Winterflood Securities, the small companies market-maker, from Union Discount for £19.1 million in April, Close has six main business activities. In City merchant banking, business was busy all the year and the profitability of commercial lending was rebuilt. In investment management, the development capital division has seen an increase in valuations and the company is number two in Business Expansion Scheme (BES) management.

Mr Kent said that the ending of the BES by the government at the end of this year will have no immediate effect on Close because it has raised £200 million so far, expects a rush of business before the BES ends, and will have management fees from schemes for four to five years.

HK Land profits increase by 9%

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

HONGKONG Land Holdings, the property associate of the Jardine Matheson group, saw net interim profits increase 9 per cent to US$165.9 million for the six months to end-June.

The figure does not include an extraordinary gain of HK$213.2 million (£18 million) from the sale of 9 Queen's Road Central, an investment property in Hong Kong's business district. Earnings per share rose 9 per cent to 6.34 US cents and the interim dividend is up 5 per cent at 3.15 cents. The results were at the low end of market expectations. Hongkong Land's rental income remained steady, but the company has not been aggressive in building up its land bank or investment portfolio.

Analysts are keen to see a political agreement on Hongkong Land's bid to develop and operate the colony's new container terminal. The deepening row between Britain and China over democratic reforms in Hong Kong has stalled the project.

Another Jardine Matheson company, Jardine International Motors, reported a 21 per cent rise in net interim profits to US$35.8 million.

Acquisitions boost Meggitt

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

ACQUISITIONS provided a much needed boost to interim results from Meggitt, the diversified engineering group, as recession continued to squeeze margins.

Turnover rose from £152.9 million to £179.3 million for the six months to June 30, with operating profit up from £11.4 million to £11.8 million. But the decision to treat the group's Euro convertible preference shares as debt rather than a minority interest, led to a sharp rise in the interest charge, which pushed pre-tax profits down from £11.7 million to £10.8 million.

Operating profits moved ahead in the group's aerospace and electronics divisions, but fell slightly in its controls business. The energy division had a particularly poor first half, with orders and margins hit by dull activity in the oil sector and problems with a South American contract. Ken Coates, chairman, remains optimistic about full-year prospects. The order book is 6 per cent up. The interim is lifted from 1.25p to 1.3p.

Magma chief sees copper at $1

BY COLIN CAMPBELL MINING CORRESPONDENT

BURGESS Winter, chief executive officer at Magma Copper of Arizona, will today tell London's Association of Mining Analysts that, like Lazarus, Magma is back from the dead. In the late 1980s, when the world copper price was 62 cents a lb, Magma was a debt-ridden, labour-wracked copper combine whose survival was threatened by a high cost structure.

Today, due to a long-term union and management productivity agreement that is now used as a model in US labour negotiations, and helped in large part by the group's own mining technology, which is increasingly being adopted at other copper mines, Magma is back on its feet and expanding.

The message from Mr Winter will be that costs, already trimmed from an average 71 cents a lb in 1991 to 66 cents, are heading for 62 cents this year, and are expected to fall to an average 50 cents by 1996. Productivity rose 12 per cent last year and, by way of demonstrating its international ambitions, Magma (with Australia's BHP group as a joint venture partner), last night submitted a sealed tender bid to develop the El Abra orebody in the Atacama desert, Chile, being auctioned under Chile's privatisation programme. The tender has attracted bids from several mining groups, and the outcome will be made public in 60 days.

Mr Winter, with John Champagne and Douglas Purdom, of Magma, today starts a European investment roadshow with the upbeat message will be that Magma has successfully tackled its debt, resolved its labour problems and will continue to cut costs. He is optimistic on economic recovery in America, which, he says will lead to increased US demand for copper. Hopes are also high for exports to the Far East. He believes the world copper price, bruised after last week's 10 cents a lb fall and currently languishing below 80 cents on the London Metal Exchange, will still head "north" next year, to between 90 and 95 cents.

Magma, demerged from Newmont Mining in March 1987, will emphasise, as a group wholly-devoted to copper, that it is highly geared to any improvement in the copper price, and that the days of copper at over $1 a lb will return. Production includes molybdenum, gold and sulphuric acid as by-products. Magma has decided not to acquire a 15 per cent stake in Arizona Copper's Sanchez copper project for a planned $10 million.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ANDY'S LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 2FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 15th September 1993.
DATED 15th September 1993.
Peter S Dunn FCA, Liquidator.

CHICKEN GEORGE FOOD SYSTEMS LIMITED
(In voluntary liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company are required on or before the 15th day of October 1993 to send in their names and addresses, with particulars of their Debts or Claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned GCA Macphitts of Cage & Dalgleish 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are by their Solicitors or personally to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 6th September 1993
G.C.A. Macphitts, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Rules 1986
Rule 4.106(1)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES HOUSE
No: 004427 OF 1993
SIVAN LIMITED - In Liquidation
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Alan Reuvers Price and Nicholas John Miller of Messrs Cuncon Beckman & Partners, Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London WC1E 6BJ were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above company on 16 August 1993.
Dated this 15th day of September 1993.
A R Price and N J Miller
Joint Liquidators.

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2578900.
Name of company: Reunion Glassworks Ltd. Nature of business: Glaziers. Address of registered office: Trevlot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal A Segal & Co. Trevlot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office holder no: 002680. Date of appointment: 17 September 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 17 September 1993.

IN THE MATTER OF ABBEY HOMES LTD AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 7 September 1993, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, 101 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6AH was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this seventh day of September 1993
M J Carter

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CASTLE BUILDERS (DUNSTABLE) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 30th September 1993 at The Old Barn, Lower Gover Road, Royston, Herts at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington, FIPA of 4, Featherstone Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 9th day of September 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
S.D. McAULEY, DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
M & SS (MANUFACTURING) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF on Thursday 30th September 1993 at 3.30 pm, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Tuesday 28th September 1993 and Wednesday 29th September 1993.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless attending in person a proxy at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 29th September 1993. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By Order of the Board
Dated 10th September 1993
Stanley Black, Director.

The Insolvency Rules 1986
Rule 4.106(1)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES HOUSE
NO: 002825 OF 1993
ESSEX METALS LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Alan Reuvers Price and Nicholas John Miller of Messrs Cuncon Beckman & Partners, Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London WC1E 6BJ were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above company on 13 July 1993.
Dated this 15th day of September 1993.
A R Price and N J Miller
Joint Liquidators.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GENERAL ASSEMBLIES (BRENKLEY) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF on Thursday 30th September 1993 at 11.00 am, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Tuesday 28th September 1993 and Wednesday 29th September 1993.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless attending in person a proxy at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 29th September 1993. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By Order of the Board
Dated 14th September 1993
James Sarjeo, Director.

CLOCKTOWER SCAFFOLDING LIMITED
We, Lynn Gibson and Robert David Hewitt of Gibson Hewitt & Co, 6 Park Court, Fystord Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6BB were appointed joint administrative receivers of Clocktower Scaffolding Limited, Company No: 826691 by Trankenth Securities Limited on 14th September 1993.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Camborne School of Mines - Cornwall
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL, quoting reference number 89-306698/8-LT.

NOTICE OF MEETING
The Annual General Meeting of Members of The Cremation Society of Great Britain will be held at the Stakis Country Court Hotel, Bearsted Road, Weavering, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5AA, on Thursday 14th October 1993 at 12 Noon.
Copies of the Accounts are available on application. Members proposing to attend should notify the Society.
R N Arber, Secretary

CONTRACTS & TENDERS

B.N.C.F.
PUBLIC TENDER NR.008/93
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BNCF with offices at: 170 Upper Richmond Road, is accepting tenders to choose a supplier for "Pyrenees zip launcher". Info: 0752 55 6787

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US court ruling on Glaxo is good medicine for shares

A POSITIVE performance by **Glaxo** after a favourable US court ruling helped keep the equity market on an even keel at the start of the two-week trading account.

The US district court ruled in favour of Glaxo and against Novopharm, the Canadian pharmaceutical group, over ranitidine hydrochloride, *the active ingredient* in Zantac, the anti-ulcer treatment. The ruling prevents Novopharm from marketing a generic form of ranitidine until 2002.

Glaxo touched 665p on the news, before settling 2p easier at 642p having gone ex the 15p dividend.

The rest of the equity market was pressured by the sheer weight of companies in

STOCK MARKET

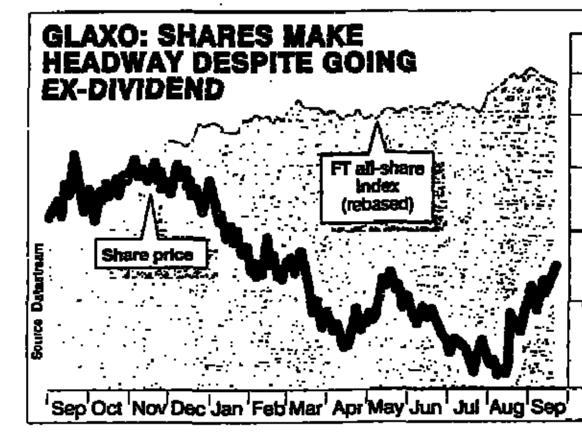
ex-dividend form. No fewer than 22 of the top 100 companies had gone ex-dividend, equivalent to a fall of almost 11 points in the index. But helped by Glaxo and buying *of the financial future, the* deficit was reduced to 1 point at 3,004.5 by the close. Trading remained low key, with only 443 million shares changing hands.

The tracking funds were kept busy as three new companies became constituents of the top 100. They included **Rolls-Royce**, 1¾p easier at 144p, **Schroders**, down 9p at £13.20, and **MEPC**, 1p lighter at 503p. They replaced **De La Rue**, up 16p at 668p, **Scottish Hydro**, up 3p at 375p, and **Tate & Lyle**, up 8p at 364p.

Speculation persists that a bid is imminent in the financial sector. There were gains for the likes of **General Accident**, 10p to 686p, and **Sun Alliance**, 6p to 373p, among the insurers, while in banks, **Royal Bank of Scotland** put on 6p to 304p and **TSB Group** 4p to 205p.

Tesco firmed 2p to 215p before interim figures on Thursday. These are expected to show pre-tax profits up from £252.8 million to about £267 million. But brokers are worried about intense price competition and depreciation of property values.

BT rose 4½p to 425p after



weekend talk that the group is planning to sell off surplus land. BT is also thought likely to step up competition in the cellular telephone market.

VHE Holdings got off to a positive start in first-time trading, opening at 120p, against its placing price of 115p. The price ended the day at 119p.

On the Unlisted Securities market, **Select Industries**, the other newcomer, opened at 9½p, compared with the introductory price of 8p. It finished the session at 10½p.

Spring Ram, the kitchen and bathroom equipment group, touched 57p before ending 2p cheaper at 60p. The group is expected to announce worse than expected interim figures this week and the departure of Bill Rooney, the co-founder and chief executive. Roger Regan, the newly appointed chairman, is also expected to appoint BZW as broker, replacing Panmure Gordon. It is feared losses could reach £40 million.

Meggitt, the aerospace and defence engineer, fell 8p to 100p after failing to live up to brokers' expectations. Half year pre-tax profits were down 8 per cent at £10.77 million. A better performance is envisaged *for the second* half, thanks to a higher order intake.

British Vita, the polymers group, dipped 5p to 238p after going ex-dividend.

But Henry Cooke, Lumsden, the stockbroker, says the shares are a buy ahead of an expected strong recovery in profits. The broker says the group should benefit when raw material prices and exchange rates stablise and is looking for profits to return to more than £60 million by 1995.

Shares in **HunterPrint** firmed 2p to 45p after being awarded the contract by Associated Newspapers to print a weekly 48-page supplement for the London *Evening Standard.*

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices drifted lower in thin trading. Investors remained in a cautious frame of mind before the final announcement from the Bank of England later today giving details of the next auction. Dealers are expecting £3 billion of **Treasury 7 per cent** *2004* to be issued.

The December series of the long gilt fell £5/16 to £112 with only 30,000 contracts completed. At the longer end of the cash market, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** lost 17 ticks at £116 17/32. **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** was £⅛ lower at £112 9/16 *at the short end.*

MICHAEL CLARK

Allied up despite HK enquiry

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

THE share price of Lee Ming Tee's Allied Group defied all *expectations and jumped* 6 cents to HK$1.02 yesterday. The advance came despite a government investigation that revealed possible financial misconduct.

The group issued a statement through the Hong Kong Stock Exchange saying the raid by the Commercial Crime Bureau, which began last Wednesday, had ended on Sunday night, and that the group was financially strong. But Allied was blocked in its bid to stop the government from investigating its affairs.

Hong Kong's Court of Appeal, which earlier decided against a judicial review of the government action, yesterday turned down Allied's request for an appeal of that decision at the Privy Council.

Hamish Macleod, the financial secretary, released a highly critical inspector's report on Allied's activities on Saturday. Mr Macleod said those activities showed "cause for serious concern".

The shares of Allied, Allied Properties, and Allied Industries International, its subsidiaries, came under pressure in the morning as the Hang Seng index fell 100 points. But they recovered to show gains in the afternoon.

New rules aim to boost liquidity in forex markets

BY PATRICIA TEHAN BANKING CORRESPONDENT

FOREIGN exchange dealers in London will have to comply with a new market practice from December in a move aimed at underpinning liquidity in the market by providing a legal and effective system of netting foreign exchange exposures.

The new International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement Terms, put together by the banks in consultation with the Bank of England, will help reduce counterparty risk and allow banks to benefit by netting their foreign exchange exposures for capital purposes.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, president of the British Bankers' Association, attacked suggestions from Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, who has suggested temporary capital controls on foreigners engaged in short-term speculation.

Sir Nicholas said he was heartily against these suggestions. "Any threat to the free markets in London we would look upon with an extremely jaundiced view," he said. He added that foreign exchange was a very important part of *the global picture.*

The new master agreement,



Sir Nicholas Goodison attacked proposals for controls on short-term speculators

which will become market practice in London, was worked out in close consultation with the Foreign Exchange Commission of New York and in consultation with the Tokyo Market Practices Committee.

The agreement replaces the present system, which operates on an oral basis, with no written contracts.

It provides a common set of terms for foreign exchange spot and forward transactions.

It also sets out the procedures by which banks will be able to collapse their deals with the counterparty if the counterparty should become insolvent.

The British Bankers' Association said many billions of pounds less capital will be required, which will improve liquidity in the market.

WALL STREET

Dow ahead in early trading

New York — US blue chips rose in mid morning, with the Dow Jones industrial average up 2.51 points at 3,615.76. The long bond was down 3/32, yielding 6.05 per cent.

☐ **Tokyo** — The Nikkei average ended 125.01 points down at 20,266.03.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index closed 27.51 points lower at 7,390.60 after recovering from a 100-point retreat in early trade.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index ended 30.85 points better at 1,912.84. *(Reuter)*

	Sep 20 midday	Sep 17 close
AMP Inc	65	65
AMR Corp	64	64
Abbott Labs	26	25
Aetna Life	58	58
Ahmanson (HF)	19	19
Air Prod & Chem	39	40
Albertson's	52	52
Alcan Alumnm	18	19
Alco Standard	46	46
Allied Signal	74	73
Alum Co of Am	70	71
Amax	23	23
Amerada Hess	50	50
Amer Brands	32	32
Amer Cyanamid	56	55
Amer El Power	39	39
Amer Express	34	34
Amer Genl Corp	33	33
Amer Home Pr	61	62
Amer Intl	98	99
Amer Stores	44	44
Amer T & T	59	59
Ameritech	89	89
Amoco	55	56
Anheuser-Busch	47	47
Apple Computer	25	25
Archer Daniels	24	24
Arkla	8	8
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	39	39
Asarco	17	17
Ashland Oil	33	33
Atl Richfield	111	112
Auto Data Pro	49	49
Avery Dennison	26	26
Avon Products	51	51
Baker Hughes	22	22
Baltim Gas & El	26	26
Banc One	40	40
BankAmerica	47	47
Bank of NY	54	53
Bankers Tr NY	79	79
Barnett Banks	45	45
Bausch & Lomb	47	47
Baxter Intl	20	20
Bectn Dicknsn	36	35
Bell Atlantic	64	64
BellSouth	61	61
Black & Decker	21	21
Block (H&R)	39	39
Boeing	40	40
Boise Cascade	21	21
Borden Inc	18	18
Bristol Myrs Sq	58	58
Browning Ferris	23	23
Burlington Nthn	52	52
CBS	266	265
CNA Financial	88	88
CPC Intl	45	45
CSX	77	78
Campbell Soup	38	38
Can Pacific	15	15
Cpd Cities ABC	551	551
Cpd Holdings	44	44
Carolina Pwr	34	34
Caterpillar	79	79
Central & SW	33	33
Champion Intl	31	31
Chase Manhat	36	35
Chemical Bk	43	43
Chevron Corp	91	91
Chrysler	45	44
Chubb Corp	88	88
Cigna Corp	64	65
Citicorp	35	35
Clorox	53	53
Coastal Corp	26	26
Coca Cola	43	43
Colgate-Palmolive	53	51
Columbia Gas	25	26
Commonw Ed	31	31
Compaq Comp	57	57
Comp Ass Int	30	30
Conagra	25	24
Cons Edison	37	37
Cons Nat Gas	52	52
Cons Rail	53	53
Cooper Inds	50	51
Corning Inc	34	34
Crown Cork	35	35
Dana Corp	54	54
Dayton Hudson	66	66
Deere	68	69
Delta Air Lines	53	53
Deluxe Corp	36	36
Detroit Edison	35	34
Digital Equip	38	38
Dillard Dept St	34	33
Disney (Walt)	39	39
Dominion Res	48	47
Donelley (RR)	28	29
Dover Corp	55	55
Dow Chemicals	59	60
Dow Jones	32	32
Dresser	21	21
Duke Power	44	44
Dun & Brdstreet	61	61
Du Pont	48	48
Eastman Kodak	60	59
Eaton Corp	51	50

	Sep 20 midday	Sep 17 close
Emerson Elec	59	59
Engelhard Corp	39	39
Enron Corp	34	34
Entergy Corp	39	39
Ethyl Corp	18	17
Exxon	65	65
FMC Corp	49	49
FPL Group	40	41
Federal Express	59	58
Fed Nat Mtge	76	76
First Chicago	46	45
First Interstate	62	62
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Fnl Grp	32	32
Fluor Corp	43	43
Ford Motor	55	55
GTE Corp	37	37
Gannett	49	49
Gap Inc Del	26	26
Gen Dynamics	99	99
Gen Electric	98	98
Gen Mills	62	62
Gen Motors	46	46
Gen Reinsurance	129	130
Gen Signal	32	32
Genuine Parts	37	37
Georgia Pac	67	63
Gillette	56	56
Glaxo ADR	20	19
Goodrich (BF)	45	44
Goodyear Tire	45	45
Grace (W&R)	36	36
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28	28
Great Wstn Fin	19	19
Halliburton	34	35
Harcourt General	44	42
Heinz (HJ)	36	36
Hercules	87	87
Hershey Foods	51	51
Hewlett Packard	67	67
Hilton Hotels	47	47
Home Depot	37	37
Homestake Mng	16	16
Honeywell	36	36
Household Intl	79	79
Houston Inds	46	47
Humana	12	12
ITT Corp	91	92
Illinois Tool	39	40
INCO	18	18
Ingersoll Rand	38	38
Inland Steel	26	26
Intel Corp	66	64
IBM	43	43
Intl Flav & Fr	113	114
Intl Paper	62	63
James River Va	23	22
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	38	39
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	53	53
Kerr-McGee	51	51
Kimberly-Clark	50	49
Knight-Ridder	52	52
Lilly (Eli)	48	48
Limited Inc	21	21
Lin Brdcstng	114	114
Lincoln Nat	47	48
Litton	60	60
Liz Claiborne	20	20
Lockheed Corp	62	62
Louisiana Pac	33	33
MCI Commun	28	28
Marriott	28	28
Marsh & McLnn	90	90
Masco Corp	31	31
May Dept St	44	43
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	53	52
McDonalds	54	53
McDonnell D	89	87
McGraw Hill	66	66
Mead Corp	45	45
Medtronic	61	61
Mellon Bk	55	55
Melville Corp	43	43
Merck Inc	31	31
Merrill Lynch	99	99
Minnesota Mine	107	107
Mobil Corp	76	76
Monsanto	64	65
Morgan (JP)	76	75
Motorola Inc	94	92
Natl Medical	7	7
Natl Semi	20	20
Natl Service Ind	24	24
Navistar Int	20	20
NBD Bancorp	32	32
NY Times A	23	23
Newmont Mng	46	46
Niag Mohawk	24	24
Nike B	46	48
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	31	29
Norfolk Sthn	66	66
Nthn State Pwr	47	47
Norwest Corp	26	26
Nynex Corp	48	48
Occidental Pet	20	20
Ohio Edison	25	25
Oracle Systems	54	52

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Oryx Energy Co	21	21
Owens Corning	44	43
PNC Financial	30	30
PPG Industries	67	67
Paccar Inc	63	62
Pacificorp	19	20
Pac Enterprises	26	25
Pac Gas & Elec	36	36
Pac Telesis	54	54
Pall Corp	19	19
Panhandle East	22	25
Paramnt Comm	69	68
Parker Hannifin	33	33
Penney (JC)	42	41
Pennzoil	62	61
Pepsico	40	41
Pfizer	60	60
Phelps Dodge	41	40
Philadel Elec	33	33
Philip Morris	47	47
Phillips Pet	31	31
Pitney Bowes	39	38
Polaroid	35	35
Price Co	36	35
Primerica	47	47
Procter & Gmbl	48	48
Pub Serv E & G	35	35
Quaker Oats	69	69
Ralston Purina	37	37
Raychem Corp	43	42
Raytheon	63	63
Reebok Intl	24	24
Reynolds Metals	45	45
Roadway Srvcs	60	59
Rockwell Intl	35	36
Rohm & Haas	53	53
Royal Dutch	98	98
Rubbermaid	33	33
Safeco Corp	63	63
St Paul's Cos	92	92
Salomon Inc	51	51
Santa Fe Pac	18	18
Sara Lee Corp	24	24
Scecorp	25	25
Schering Plough	62	62
Schlumberger	61	62
Scott Paper	33	33
Seagram	26	26
Sears Roebuck	57	57
Shell Trans	60	60
Sherwin Wlms	34	34
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	40	40
Southern Co	45	46
Stwestern Bell	44	44
Sprint Corp	36	35
Stanley Works	42	41
Sun Company	28	27
Suntrust	42	42
Supervalu	34	34
Syntex Corp	17	18
Sysco Corp	28	27
TRW Inc	64	65
Tandem Comp	10	9
Tandy Corp	36	35
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	25	25
Temple Inland	43	43
Tenneco	50	50
Texaco	64	64
Texas Inst	76	76
Texas Utilities	47	48
Textron	57	57
Time Warner	41	41
Times-Mirror	30	30
Timken	32	32
Torchmark	59	59
Toys R Us	35	34
Transamerica	60	60
Travelers Corp	36	36
Tribune	52	52
Tyco Labs	42	42
UAL Corp	142	143
UST Inc	27	27
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	109	108
Union Camp	43	43
Union Carbide	19	19
Union Pacific	61	61
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	13	12
USF&G Corp	17	17
US Life	42	42
US West	48	48
United Tech	57	57
Unocal Corp	27	26
Upjohn	28	28
VF Corp	44	44
WMX Tech	30	30
Wal-Mart Stores	24	23
Warner-Lambert	65	66
Wells Fargo	120	119
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	40	40
Whirlpool	59	59
Whitman	14	15
Winn Dixie	59	60
Woolworth	24	24
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43	43
Xerox	71	71

RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	109	+1
Bakyrchik (120)	128	+3
Beta Viet Nam Uts	£36½	...
Crockfords (90)	95	...
Explaura A	3¾	...
For & Col Special Inc	68½	+½
For & Col Spl Cap	42	...
For & Col Spl Units	111	+1½
Ivory & Sime Ent Cap	79	...
Ivory & Sime Ent Cap Wts	14	...
Nouvelle A	5½	...
VHE Holdings (115)	119	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Albrighton n/p (17)	1	...
CRH n/p (Ir260)	27	...
Cadbury Schw n/p (400)	58½	-½
Lilleshall n/p (125)	15	...
Quarto n/p (225)	58	...
Rolls Royce n/p (130)	11½	-2
Wickes n/p (88)	15	+1

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

ELSWICK (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.04m (£1.72m)
EPS: 0.74p (0.63p)
Div: 0.15p (0.15p)
Sales climbed to £31.6m (£28.5m). Group said outcome is satisfactory considering continued difficult trading conditions.

TRAFFORD PARK (Fin)
Pre-tax: £4.12m (£3.27m)
EPS: 4.34p (3.80p)
Div: 1.95p, mkg 2.8p
Last time's total dividend was 2.57p. Rental income climbed to £8.72m (£8.51m). Gross income declined to £10.2m (£11.7m).

VIVAT HOLDINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.85m (£1.2m)
EPS: 2.4p (1.6p)
Div: Nil
Turnover rose to £38.3m (£35.6m). Exceptional items resulted in a total charge of £500,000. Profits were boosted by currency moves.

BEMROSE CORP (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.55m (£1.85m)
EPS: 7.86p (6.52p)
Div: 4.3p (3.93p)
Turnover rose to £32.6m (£22.7m). Growth derived from both UK and US operations. Integration of Barnard & Jackson proceeding well.

W CANNING (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.83m (£3.02m)
EPS: 2.1p (5.9p)
Div: 2.94p (2.94p)
There was an exceptional charge of £942,000. Sales dropped to £56.1m (£59.1m). Gearing is reduced to 38%, against 62% last time.

SENTRY FARM (Int)
Pre-tax: £309,000 Loss
LPS: 7.65p (7.14p)
Div: —
There was a loss of £286,000 last time. The directors believe that the interim loss is not indicative *of the result for the full year.*

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		De La Rue	668p (+15½p)
Close Bros	430p (+17p)	Sage Group	458p (+18p)
ADT	665p (+15p)	Smith New Court	325p (+11p)
Takeda Chem	827p (+15p)	SKF 'B'	875p (+37½p)
Wellcome	710p (+14p)	**FALLS:**	
General Accident	686p (+10p)	Merrydown W	275p (-13p)
Peel	312p (+9p)	AB Food	492p (-9p)
Rothmans 'B'	655p (+12p)	Antofagasta	855p (-10p)
BAA	836p (+11p)	Broken Hill	664p (-12p)
Wolstnhlme Rink	530p (+37p)	Meggitt	100p (-8p)
Mitel	530p (+57p)		
Morgan Crucible	323p (+22p)		

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,200	Cadbury	1,700	MEPC	570	Scot & New	266
Abbey Natl	906	Carlton Cms	289	Marks Spr	2,200	Scot Power	2,200
Alld-Lyons	1,300	Coats Vyla	3,400	NFC	111	Sears	2,500
Anglian W	364	Cm Union	1,300	NatWst Bk	2,400	Svrn Trent	618
Argyll Gp	2,400	Courtaulds	789	Nat Power	2,200	Shell Trans	1,700
Arjo Wiggn	961	Enterpr Oil	2,700	Nth Wst W	378	Siebe	969
AB Foods	655	Forte	1,800	Nthrn Fds	677	SmKl Bch	1,800
BAA	465	GRE	3,600	P & O	1,300	Smith Nph	2,700
BAT Inds	3,400	GUS A	290	Pearson	619	Std Chard	420
BOC	246	Gen Acc	1,100	PowerGen	1,100	Sun Allnce	1,800
BP	3,700	Gen Elec	2,300	Prudential	1,500	TI Gp	632
BT	8,400	Glaxo	13,000	RMC	90	TSB	3,000
BTR	3,700	Granada	1,000	RTZ	1,400	Tesco	4,200
Bk of Scot	1,000	Grand Met	2,300	Rank Org	321	Thames W	538
Barclays	2,100	Guinness	1,400	Reckitt Col	278	Thrn EMI	847
Bass	1,200	HSBC	6,300	Redland	474	Tomkins	692
Blue Circle	705	Hanson	5,900	Reed Intl	301	Unilever	976
Boots	808	ICI	827	Rentokil	438	Utd Bisc	2,200
Bowater	175	Inchcape	1,000	Reuters	814	Vodafone	1,700
Brit Aero	1,300	Kingfisher	1,000	Rolls Royce	4,300	Warburg (SG)	446
Brit Airwys	1,900	Ladbroke	4,800	Rothmans	872	Wellcome	2,700
Brit Gas	3,500	Land Secs	754	Ryl Ins	1,200	Whitbd 'A'	700
Brit Steel	5,500	Legal & Gn	873	Ryl Bk Scot	2,900	Wlms Hld	843
Burmah Cstrl	385	Lloyds Bk	1,200	Sainsbury	1,600	Wolseley	28
Cable Wire	740	MB Cardn	330	Schroders	n/a	Zeneca	1,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3613.53 (+0.26)
S&P Composite .... 459.27 (+0.44)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20266.03 (-125.01)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7390.60 (-27.51)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 125.4 (+1.4)

Sydney: AO .... 1924.1 (-1.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1912.84 (+30.85)

FT 30 share: .... 2328.3 (-2.7)

Brussels:
General .... 6618.20 (-29.37)

Paris: CAC .... 582.28 (+4.84)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 563.90 (+9.50)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1493.72 (-0.57)
FT 500 .... 1610.96 (-1.36)
FT Gold Mines .... 174.3 (+5.2)
FT Fixed Interest .... 123.01 (+0.16)
FT Govt Secs .... 101.57 (+0.06)
Bargains 27719
SEAQ Volume 443.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 145.05 (+0.25)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 13	September 24	December 9	December 20

Call options were taken out on 20/9/93: Amstrad, Argyll, BM Group, Cluff Resources, B Elliott, Ferranti Intl, Kewill Systems, Monument Oil & Gas, Pacer Systems, Phonelink, TR Technology.
Put: PizzaExpress. **Put & Call:** Burton.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3013.0	3034.0	3006.0	3028.0	7380
Previous open interest: 47251	Mar 94	3037.0	3044.0	3037.0	3044.0	21
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.34	94.34	94.26	94.28	18323
Previous open interest: 342092	Mar 94	94.47	94.47	94.39	94.42	5649
	Jun 94	94.40	94.40	94.32	94.35	2528
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.51	96.51	96.50	96.50	461
Previous open interest: 8626	Mar 94	96.45	96.45	96.44	96.44	139
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	94.02	94.04	93.96	93.97	23502
Previous open interest: 579140	Mar 94	94.53	94.53	94.46	94.47	9047
Long Gilt	Sep 93	112-18	112-22	112-10	112-10	973
Previous open interest: 86995	Dec 93	112-12	112-14	111-24	112-00	32603
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	111.58	111.67	111.55	111.56	967
	Mar 94				110.84	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	99.01	99.12	98.92	98.97	55648
Previous open interest: 149843	Mar 94	99.13	99.13	99.02	99.02	742
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	101.50	101.58	101.45	101.45	3084
Previous open interest: 13675	Mar 94					0
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.29	93.30	93.15	93.15	2390
Previous open interest: 26503	Mar 94	94.05	94.06	93.97	93.99	1054
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.57	95.67	95.57	95.66	18795
Previous open interest: 42898	Mar 94	95.94	95.96	95.93	95.96	722
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	113.50	113.75	113.05	113.07	16372
Previous open interest: 63239	Mar 94	113.40	113.50	113.00	112.87	83

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.8 (day's range 80.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sep 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7763-2.7901	2.7763-2.7797	par-¼ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	52.72-53.09	52.72-52.92	11-22ds	33-50ds
Copenhagen	10.0780-10.1290	10.1010-10.1240	3¼-4⅝ds	9⅜-11⅛ds
Dublin	1.0640-1.0661	1.0643-1.0658	7-11ds	21-28ds
Frankfurt	2.4641-2.4850	2.4641-2.4673	⅛-¼ds	¾-½pr
Lisbon	252.22-254.32	252.22-252.86	106-116ds	306-332ds
Madrid	197.43-198.86	197.43-197.87	69-80ds	204-217ds
Milan	2388.00-2400.70	2388.00-2392.70	5-7ds	17-20ds
Montreal	2.0107-2.0255	2.0225-2.0255	0.28-0.20pr	0.50-0.38pr
New York	1.5285-1.5320	1.5305-1.5315	0.36-0.35pr	1.05-1.03pr
Oslo	10.7650-10.8000	10.7650-10.7880	¼-1ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Paris	8.6190-8.6660	8.6190-8.6410	⅞-1⅛ds	2⅛-2⅞ds
Stockholm	12.3180-12.3960	12.3520-12.3770	1¼-2⅛ds	4¼-5⅛ds
Tokyo	159.14-159.74	159.47-159.74	½-¼pr	1⅞-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.38-17.50	17.38-17.42	⅜-1⅝ds	1½-4⅛ds
Zurich	2.1472-2.1589	2.1472-2.1503	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5299-1.5325
Australia dollar	2.3547-2.3582
Bahrain dinar	0.5705-0.5825
Brazil cruzeiro *	171.74-173.09
Cyprus pound	0.745-0.755
Finland marka	8.837-8.953
Greece drachma	352.75-359.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.8451-11.8505
India rupee	47.60-48.56
Kuwait dinar KD	0.453-0.463
Malaysia ringgit	3.8986-3.9027
Mexico peso	4.67-4.77
New Zealand dollar	2.7703-2.7757
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6745-5.8005
Singapore dollar	2.4423-2.4454
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0617-7.0971
S Africa rand (com)	5.2339-5.2404
U A E dirham	5.5555-5.6795

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5353-1.5365
Austria	11.360-11.365
Belgium (Com)	34.437-34.439
Canada	1.3150-1.3155
Denmark	6.5830-6.5880
France	5.6295-5.6350
Germany	1.6140-1.6145
Hong Kong	7.7320-7.7330
Ireland	1.4418-1.4433
Italy	1560.0-1561.0
Japan	103.90-104.00
Malaysia	2.5448-2.5458
Netherlands	1.8123-1.8128
Norway	7.0301-7.0321
Portugal	164.95-165.05
Singapore	1.5944-1.5954
Spain	129.0-129.2
Sweden	8.0635-8.0735
Switzerland	1.4037-1.4042

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 5 Week fixed: 5 15/16
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 5/16 ; 3 mth 5¼ . Sell: 2 mth 5½ ; 3 mth: 5 5/16 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 29/32-5 25/32	5 29/32-5 25/32	5 29/32-5 25/32	5⅞-5 25/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	5 29/32-5¾	5 29/32-5¾	5 29/32-5¾	5 29/32-5 25/32	5 31/32-5 27/32
Interbank:	5 29/32-5¾	5 29/32-5¾	5 29/32-5¾	5 29/32-5 25/32	5 29/32-5 25/32

Overnight: open 5¼, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5¾	5 13/16	5 27/32
Sterling CDs:	5 29/32-5 25/32	5⅞-5 25/32	5 29/32-5 25/32	5 29/32-5 25/32	5 31/32-5⅞
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.11-3.08	3.26-3.23	3.44-3.41
Building Society CDs:	5 29/32-5¾	5 29/32-5¾	5 29/32-5 25/32	5 29/32-5 25/32	5 31/32-5¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 31, 1993 Agreed rates Sept 26, 1993 to Oct 25, 1993 Scheme III: 7.15 %. Reference rate July 31, 1993 to August 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.896 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2 15/16	3⅛-2 15/16	3⅜-3¼	3¼-2¾
Deutschemark:	6⅞-6⅜	6⅝-6½	6⅜-6¼	6⅛-6	7-6
French Franc:	7⅞-7⅝	7⅝-7½	7⅜-7¼	6⅞-6¾	8-7
Swiss Franc:	4⅞-4⅝	4 13/16-4 11/16	4 11/16-4 9/16	4⅝-4½	5-4
Yen:	2⅜-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2 5/16-2 3/16	2 5/16-2 3/16	3-2

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $352.40-352.80 Close: $353.55-354.05 High: $354.00-354.50 Low $350.75-351.25 Krugerrand: $352.50-354.50 (£229.75-231.75)
Sovereigns: Old $81.50-83.50 (£52.50-54.50) New $81.50-83.50 (£52.50-54.50)
Platinum: $361.50 (£236.05) **Silver:** $4.11 (£2.675) **Palladium:** $120.50 (£78.70)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	550	37	48	57	5	16	22
(*576)	600	8	20	32	30	42	47
Argyll	300	13	24	30	8	16	19
(*302)	330	3	12	16	30	36	38
ASDA	57	7	—	—	1	—	—
(*62)	67	2	—	—	6	—	—
Boots	460	37	45	55	4	12	17
(*490)	500	10	22	32	18	30	25
Br Airways	345	16	28	—	11	21	—
(*349)	360	8	20	29	19	30	34
BP	280	20	27	31	3	8	11
(*296)	300	7	16	20	9	17	20
Br Steel	110	7	13	16	4	9	12
(*111)	120	3	8	12	12	16	18
C & W	800	52	68	85	6	20	26
(*838)	850	18	38	56	29	42	49
CU	580	34	—	—	5	—	—
(*605)	629	8	—	—	29	—	—
ICI	681	37	59	—	8	20	—
(*707)	750	9	22	32	48	57	72
Kingfishr	650	24	45	59	13	25	33
(*657)	700	5	21	35	47	54	61
Land Sec	650	31	44	57	7	19	22
(*670)	700	7	19	32	35	47	49
M & S	360	20	34	41	4	9	11
(*381)	390	7	17	24	16	22	26
Nat West	460	38	51	55	3	9	17
(*491)	500	11	26	32	17	26	37
Sainsbury	420	40	49	58	3	11	16
(*454)	460	12	25	33	16	27	31
Shell	600	45	59	64	2	7	16
(*639)	650	9	27	33	18	27	39
Smkl Bch	390	20	40	50	8	20	24
(*406)	420	13	27	36	23	35	38
Storehse	220	9	16	21	7	13	16
(*220)	240	2	7	12	22	26	29
Trafalgar	92	11	—	—	2	—	—
(*98)	101	6	—	—	6	—	—
Unilever	1050	38	63	77	14	34	44
(*1068)	1100	13	37	51	42	59	70
Zeneca	700	34	57	67	12	24	41
(*719)	750	10	32	42	39	51	68
Series		**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	420	16	28	34	4	24	26
(*423)	460	3	12	18	38	49	52
Ladbroke	180	11	18	22	6	13	18
(*188)	200	2	10	13	21	25	30
Utd Bisc	330	28	37	41	5	13	18
(*352)	360	10	22	25	20	28	38

Series		Calls Nov	Jan	Apr	Puts Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA	800	54	63	78	11	19	25
(*830)	850	24	34	50	31	42	48
Thames W	550	22	29	39	16	23	28
(*559)	600	4	11	18	53	57	60
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	490	32	45	—	8	14	—
(*469)	475	16	30	—	18	26	—
BTR	360	19	27	31	7	13	17
(*371)	390	6	14	18	25	39	34
Br Aero	390	45	63	70	15	29	36
(*415)	420	29	47	56	28	44	51
Br Telcm	420	18	26	33	9	17	20
(*425)	460	4	9	15	36	43	45
Cadbury	453	21	33	36	11	19	28
(*457)	493	6	15	19	40	44	52
Guinness	460	22	34	39	17	24	32
(*462)	500	7	17	23	46	50	57
GEC	330	22	27	34	5	11	12
(*343)	360	6	13	19	22	27	27
Hanson	240	21	25	27	3	7	9
(*256)	260	8	14	16	10	16	18
LASMO	130	13	19	22	7	10	13
(*133)	140	8	14	18	12	16	19
Lucas	140	14	19	22	6	9	12
(*150)	160	4	9	13	17	21	24
Pilkngtn	140	18	22	25	3	8	10
(*152)	160	7	12	15	12	19	21
Prudential	330	15	24	27	11	15	22
(*331)	360	4	11	14	32	34	40
Redland	500	40	52	60	13	21	35
(*529)	550	13	28	36	40	47	62
Royal Ins	288	26	34	—	5	10	—
(*305)	317	9	18	—	19	24	—
Tesco	200	19	25	29	5	9	14
(*214)	220	—	15	19	16	20	25
Vodafone	500	36	41	51	19	30	35
(*502)	550	8	19	29	57	61	65
Williams	300	30	38	41	4	8	14
(*323)	330	12	31	25	16	22	29

FT-SE INDEX (*3003)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Oct	120	79	45	22	9	3
Nov	141	104	73	49	31	18
Dec	162	125	94	69	47	32
Jan	176	142	112	87	65	49
Jun	240	—	178	—	130	—
Puts						
Oct	11	21	37	66	106	152
Nov	25	38	57	83	116	155
Dec	37	50	69	95	124	161
Jan	46	63	82	108	137	172
Jun	92	—	131	—	182	—

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	28	36	40	11	18	22
(*401)	420	13	21	25	27	35	38
Amstrad	40	6	8	9	3	4	5
(*43)	45	4	5	7	5	6	7
Barclays	500	31	43	49	15	27	31
(*508)	550	9	19	26	47	55	59
Blue Circ	260	24	32	35	9	15	22
(*271)	280	13	22	25	20	25	33
Br Gas	300	30	34	37	5	8	13
(*326)	330	9	19	21	18	22	29
Dixons	240	29	36	41	9	15	18
(*256)	260	18	25	31	19	24	27
Forte	220	18	24	27	10	16	23
(*227)	240	8	15	18	23	28	34
Hillsdwn	160	12	16	17	10	14	19
(*164)	180	4	8	10	25	27	33
Lonrho	120	11	16	18	8	12	14
(*121)	130	7	11	14	14	18	20
Sears	110	9	11	13	5	6	8
(*112)	120	4	6	8	11	12	14
Thrn Eml	950	61	79	93	21	34	41
(*977)	1000	33	49	65	45	59	64
Tomkins	220	22	27	31	7	11	13
(*231)	240	11	16	21	17	21	23
TSB	200	15	19	23	9	14	16
(*203)	220	6	11	14	21	26	28
Wellcome	700	52	69	83	38	51	60
(*710)	750	29	47	60	66	80	89
Series		**Dec**	**Apr**		**Dec**	**Apr**	
Glaxo	600	73	90	—	24	41	—
(*641)	650	45	64	—	47	65	—
HSBC	650	57	77	—	21	40	—
(*676)	700	30	50	—	46	66	—
Reuter	1500	110	141	—	36	69	—
(*1549)	1550	79	113	—	58	92	—
Series		**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**
R-Royce	137	14	17	—	7	9	—
(*144)	156	6	10	—	19	21	—
Series		**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Fisons	160	12	16	22	4	9	14
(*164)	190	2	7	13	16	22	26
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastrn Elc	550	23	33	41	14	24	27
(*553)	600	5	13	20	49	55	57
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	360	34	41	48	5	9	15
(*386)	390	15	24	31	18	—	28
Scot Pwr	350	30	—	—	5	—	—
(*369)	390	8	14	20	24	29	31

September 20, 1993 Tot: 19071 Call: 10187 Put: 8884 FT-SE Call: 3035 Put: 4393
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: London cocoa and coffee headed in opposite directions during late trade. Cocoa refused to head backwards despite lack of fresh supportive news while coffee was unable to hold out against a New York sell-off. Wheat and barley futures closed slightly lower on currency, sparking off a reasonable volume of trade on wheat but little on barley.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	890-880	Dec	974-973
Dec	914-913	Mar	998 SLR
Mar	942-941	May	996 SLR
May	950-949	Jul	1005 SLR
Jul	956 SLR		
Sep	965-964	Volume:	14824

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1345-1343	May	1255-1252
Nov	1286-1282	Jul	1264 SLR
Jan	1275-1271	Sep	1264 SLR
Mar	1258-1256	Volume:	1546

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

Spot: unq		Dec	unq
		Mar	..
May	unq	May	..
Aug	..	Aug	..
Oct	..	Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	286.5-64.5
Spot: 290.0		Oct	278.0-76.0
Dec	276.5-74.2	Dec	280.0-76.4
Mar	279.0-77.0	Mar	284.0-76.4
May	282.0-79.6	Volume:	135

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 20

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	65.99	80.74	116.80
(+/-)	-2.38	+0.07	-7.00
Eng/Wales:	65.95	80.81	116.25
(+/-)	-2.02	-0.33	-7.21
(%)	-38.0	-0.5	-41.0
Scotland:	68.94	79.80	125.62
(+/-)	-10.02	+0.86	-0.94
(%)	-76.6	-75.7	-69.7

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—	Volume:	0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	101.50
Nov	102.20
Jan	104.25
Mar	106.20
May	108.40
Volume:	454

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	100.40
Nov	102.15
Jan	104.45
Mar	106.45
May	107.25
Volume:	15

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	..
Dec	..
Feb	..
Apr	..
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	74.0
Apr	86.5	87.5
May	97.5	99.3
Volume:	83	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Oct 58.25-58.75

ICIS-LOR **(London 6.00pm):** With an Opec meeting planned for this weekend, the market decided to do some shortcovering.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.05	+0.50
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.20	+0.45
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.50	+0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	17.50	+0.55
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.75	+0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	182 (+1)	184 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	165 (+3)	166 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Oct	168 (+3)	169 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Nov	170 (+3)	171 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	150 (+3)	152 (+3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Oct	164.25-64.50	Jan	168.25-68.75
Nov	166.00-66.25	Feb	168.25-68.75
Dec	167.25-67.50	Mar	167.00-67.75
		Vol:	16521

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.47-16.49	Feb	n/a
Dec	16.70 BID	Mar	17.19-17.29
Jan	16.88-16.90	Vol:	24860

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Oct	170.25-72.00	Jan	n/a
Nov	174.75 SLR	Feb	n/a
Dec	174.25 SLR	Vol:	0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 93	unq		1448
Oct 93	1472	1470	1470
Nov 93	1478	1474	1478
Jan 94	1470	1470	1470

Vol: 56 lots. Open int'st: 3072 Index 1423 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1770.0-1772.0	1778.0-1780.0	739050
Lead ($/tonne)	369.50-370.50	384.00-384.50	76475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	883.00-883.50	899.50-900.00	239675
Tin ($/tonne)	4305.0-4310.0	4355.0-4360.0	13005
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1113.0-1114.0	1132.0-1133.0	1078100
Nickel ($/tonne)	4230.0-4231.0	4280.0-4282.0	105234

Why rail privatisation could run into leaves on the line

Private-sector companies are showing interest in the privatisation of British Rail, but not enthusiasm, Ross Tieman believes

In the front of British Rail's annual report is a photograph of a smiling Sir Bob Reid, the chairman, standing on the concourse of the new international terminal at Waterloo station in London. There are no trains and no passengers in sight. That is because the private-sector consortium building the Channel tunnel has failed to complete the link on time. In a single image, BR has summed up the fears of many Britons about the likely impact of rail privatisation.

Next spring, Roger Salmon, the franchise director, will invite tenders from private sector companies, in partnership or in competition with groups of BR managers, to operate the first seven franchises for BR tracks. By December, commuters on the London to Southend line could be among the first travelling to and from work on privatised services.

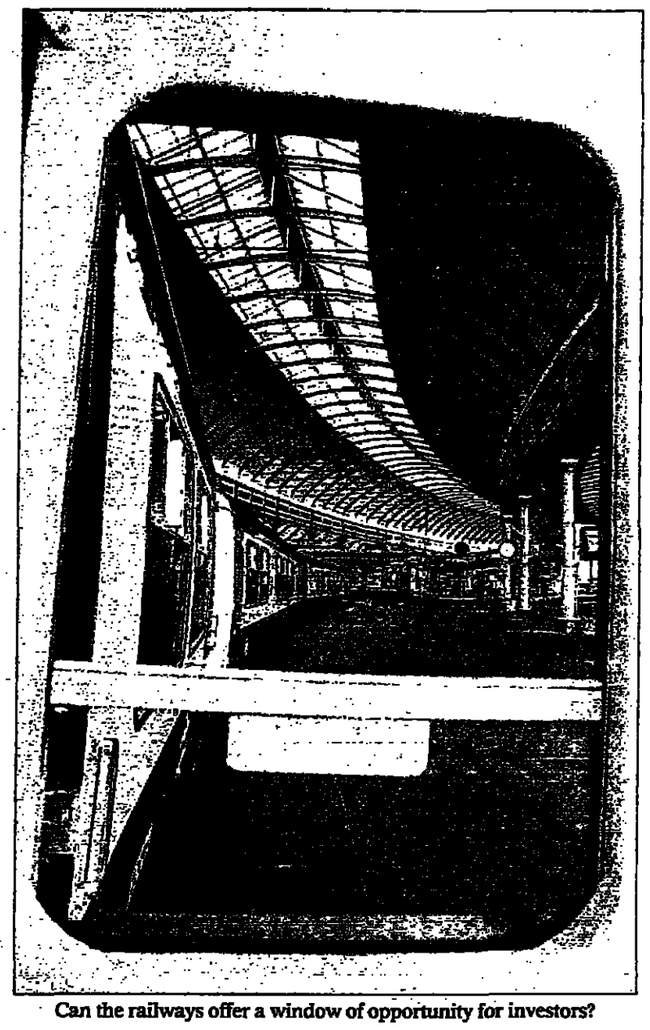
But will a change of livery achieve the transport revolution to which the government aspires? Will private-sector companies, described by one potential franchise operator as being still "lukewarm" about the project, spurn the so-called opportunities as simply too risky? Will privatisation work?

Reading the runes is not easy. In a speech to the CBI this month, John MacGregor, the transport secretary, described rail as a "third generation" privatisation. Unlike the simple sale of commercial companies such as Rolls-Royce, and the second-round sale of profitable utilities, rail privatisation, he said, was designed to introduce the "discipline of the market" to an undertaking "which we all agree continues to require public subsidy".

This is a privatisation that makes the sale of the gas and electricity industries look as simple as noughts and crosses. Rail transport is not impossible to privatise. It is a form of infrastructure, such as roads, ports and telephones. But it is an industry that finds especial difficulty in capturing the economic rewards of its investments.

When BR electrified the Bedford to London line in the mid-1980s, making services faster and more reliable, Bedford house prices rose in response to the consequent influx of commuters. On an overall cost-benefit analysis, the investment probably showed a cracking rate of return. But BR managed no more than a modest increase in traffic and fares.

BR faces competition, depending on the route, from roads and airways. Charging people by the mile to use roads, or enter urban areas, is one way to level the playing field. Subsidies are another. In London, the car and the train are symbiotic in theory, shorter rail journey times tempt some people to leave their cars at home, speeding traffic flows for those remaining at the wheel. The long-drawn debate about privatisation has already started to change perceptions of rail transport, both within BR and in industry. Several themes can be distilled from discussions with private-sector groups that have expressed interest.



Can the railways offer a window of opportunity for investors?

Potential private-sector operators divide BR's routes into long-distance and commuter lines. The commuter operations, notably the loss-making Network SouthEast, have few attractions. Indeed, according to one company, commuter routes have few problems that better management, investment and some new rolling stock would not cure. The private sector's opportunity, they say, lies in providing long-distance services, where BR has failed both to compete with airlines and to provide integrated services.

The private sector's chance, it is said, lies in providing long-distance services where British Rail has failed to compete with airlines or provide integrated services

Airlines first. Virgin's interest in running trains on the East Coast main line was founded on the observation that 1.7 million people fly between London and Edinburgh and Glasgow every year, while 800,000 take the train. Over similar distances in Japan, trains carry twice as many people as aircraft. High use of domestic air services from London to destinations such as Leeds, Newcastle and Plymouth is a measure of rail's failure to provide fast, reliable, comfortable services, critics say.

Second, integration. The litmus test of whether a private-sector rail service can, in principle, be profitable is: should it be the appropriate means of transport? Ideally, an international air service should connect smoothly to city centre rail services linked by coach to lesser destinations. This explains, in part, the interest shown by airlines on the one hand and bus companies such as Badgerline on the other.

But interest, not enthusiasm, is the word. The transport department is adamant that 50 private companies and 30 groups of BR managers have expressed interest in operating services. But to date, only five companies have admitted it: Virgin; Sea Containers, operator of the Orient Express; and three bus companies, British Bus, Stagecoach and Badgerline. None of these has the might, or the desire, to take over more than a modest part of BR, a business with 129,000 employees, annual revenues of £3.1 billion and £2 billion of rolling stock. They will not need to. The railways bill, due to receive Royal Assent during the first week of November, forsees an extraordinary fragmentation.

Railtrack, a state-owned company, will retain ownership of the network and responsibility for maintenance and improvement of track and signalling. Three leasing companies will be set up to buy the rolling stock and make it available to operators. In stages from next April, Mr Salmon will then invite tenders to operate routes in 25 franchise areas.

For a relatively small capital outlay, but at considerable financial risk, bidders will thus be able to take over running passenger services on BR track. The freight business will be carved into five operations. Trainload Freight, which runs dedicated trains hauling loads such as coal and steel, will, by April, be split into three, based in the South East, North West and West, each competing for services all over the country.

Railfreight Distribution's European business, which is now investing £400 million to prepare for demand expected to arise from the imminent completion of the Channel tunnel, will be sold separately. So too will Rail Express Systems, which carries letters for the Post Office. Private investors will also be invited to participate in the loss-making Freightliner container business.

The involvement of BR management in consortia is a clear attempt by ministers to avoid the shake-up turning into a disaster and the embarrassing prospect of the private sector spurning BR's questionable attractions. Some potential franchisees have been discouraged by a Lords amendment to the privatisation bill, enabling BR itself to bid for routes. Even at this late stage, private operators insist they have yet to make their minds up on whether to tender. Trevor Smallwood, Badgerline's chairman, says the key issue of BR's ability to bid and cross-subsidise services is one of several that have to be resolved before he can reach a decision.

Other potential operators are discouraged by the decision to create a state track authority that will determine a large chunk of any service operator's costs, yet come under little pressure to achieve economies. Because Railtrack will fall under Treasury borrowing constraints, its ability to invest so that franchise holders can provide faster services may be severely restricted. Railtrack is the Achilles heel of the privatisation project.

Ultimately, the optimists say, privatisation may lead to a resurgence of rail use, based on innovation, investment and improved services. Good profits may be available. The recession has cut passenger numbers. Government-inspired fragmentation may well be followed by a rapid process of commercial consolidation. As in telecoms, gas, and electricity, a rethink on the structure is likely to be needed, sooner rather than later.

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Balladur's BNP battle

THE privatisation of Banque Nationale de Paris is developing into a fascinating tussle between the funding requirements of Edouard Balladur's government and financial reality. While the government is preparing all the safety nets it can devise to ensure the FFr25 billion float is a success, the bank's chairman is busy talking down the bank's prospects and its share price.

It is bold, even foolhardy, of M Balladur's administration to spearhead its privatisation efforts with a bank just as the recession is hitting its earnings. Bad debt provisions could rise to almost 2 per cent of the asset book this year. Even so, the remarks of Michel Pébereau, BNP's chairman, that business next year will be tricky and that the price of BNP's investment certificates (CIs) looked expensive will hardly have endeared him to the finance ministry. They led to a sharp drop in the price of the CIs yesterday as the marketing programme got under way.

Not surprisingly, the ministry is leaving little to chance. In traditional fashion, it is ensuring a strong after-market by giving priority to retail investors to leave institutional demand unsatisfied. In true French style, 30 per cent of the shares are reserved for friendly corporate associates, principally UAP, the insurer. If all this fails to stimulate sufficient demand, the government has also given itself until December 20 to complete the float, enough time to twist the arms of even the most unwilling domestic institutions. With such safety measures, the float should succeed despite the best efforts of M Pébereau. But the size of the offer and the state of the French economy argue against immediate gains.

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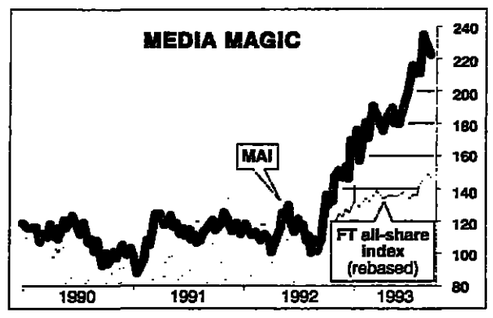
SUCCESS in the television franchise round in 1991 transformed the stock market fortunes of MAI. Until then, it rated as an obscure financial company. Suddenly, with a 61 per cent stake in Meridian, it gained the glamour of a media stock.

This is rather unfair. While MAI was one of the few to judge the franchising round accurately and Meridian is likely to turn a decent profit in the current year, the moneybroking business remains the driver of its financial success.

Moneybroking is famously cash generative, and MAI's coffers have continued to swell in the past two years despite capital spending of £80 million. The group now has £187 million in cash and investments, accounting for more than a quarter of its market value. MAI is not anxious to spend these funds: it locked in higher investment returns as interest rates declined, so it still generates a return on them of more than 8 per cent. Its broadcasting, market research and retail finance operations will, meanwhile, demand further finance as they expand.

If Meridian performs as expected it could make £6 million in the current year, against start-up losses of £3.5 million last time.

This contribution, combined with a modest improvement from money broking and retail finance, could push profits above £100 million, leaving the shares trading on an inexpensive 12 times' earnings.



Morgan Crucible

THE bounce in the share price of Morgan Crucible had more to do with relief over the absence of bad news than joy over the results. Profits for the year should show further improvement but earnings per share forecasts of 20p for the current year are still way below the peak of 25p in 1989.

There are other reasons to be pleased with Morgan's accounts which look much cleaner this time. Cash flow is positive once more and the company is continuing its cost-cutting drive, which should help to improve returns.

Morgan reports patchy improvements in North America and Britain but it is also selling into a depressed market on the Continent which is preventing any rapid improvement in earnings. The continental recession is helping the group gain market share as competitors, including a leading German rival, go to the wall.

But profits remain under pressure. Excluding currency effects, the real improvement in profits was slim at the half-year and the company's continuing market share gains will only come at the expense of prices and margins until demand improves. Meanwhile, shareholders enjoy a yield of almost 5 per cent with some hope that the improved cash flow might justify an increase at the year-end.

Housebuilding

BANKS are getting the lion's share of the growth in mortgage lending according to yesterday's lending figures. These show strong growth in home lending by the banks but a fall in building society commitments to £814 million in August compared with £1.7 billion in the same period last year. Banks are getting more of the business by offering home buyers fixed-rate mortgages. Building societies are less able to fund these products due to regulatory constraints on their access to capital markets for long term funds.

On the ground, the evidence suggests the rush to buy is slowing as housebuilders report slower growth in reservations after the surge of confidence in the spring. Housebuilders are on the mend but their renewed profitability is coming from axing special offers and the unwinding of their high-cost land banks. A real housing recovery is still some way off.

Pharmaceuticals

THE unremarkable performance of Glaxo and Wellcome shares yesterday shows how jittery the market still is about the pharmaceutical industry. Both companies had given investors notable pieces of good news to digest. Glaxo's success in the American courts was vital to the future of Zantac, which still accounts for more than half of group profits, but the group's shares still fell along with Wall Street.

Wellcome's joint venture with Centocor was not as significant but it is still the sort of news that would have sent the shares racing in the drug sector's bull market two years ago, instead of the limp 4p rise that actually occurred. Such performance suggests that drug companies will not return to favour even if they escape lightly from President Clinton's healthcare reforms.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Canteen panic for top brass

THE fight by myriad action groups to force the Corporation of Lloyd's to dig into its coffers to recompense names for billions in insurance losses took an unexpected twist yesterday. Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the umbrella organisation representing the action groups, and Colin Hook, chairman of the Feltrim Names Association, were spotted in the corporation's canteen at lunchtime, piling their trays high. They then headed towards the cashier, watched by a bemused group of corporation personnel who were unsure whether or not to point out that the subsidised canteen was for corporation staff only. Arriving at the checkout the pair were greeted by a demand for their special corporation direct debit cards. There was confusion and cries of "Don't you take cash?" — a fair question, where names are concerned. The situation was only resolved by the appearance of the manager, who agreed to sweep aside hitherto unbroken rules and accept cash ... on this occasion only.

Bowing out

ANOTHER milestone passes at the Central Statistical Office, where Shirley Carter, the CSO's expert on Britain's national accounts — measuring the economic pulse of the UK — is bowing out from her regular financial press briefings. In nearly 40 years at the CSO, she has worked for every head of office, from the pioneering Sir Harry Campion to the present no-nonsense incumbent, Bill McLennan. Carter, who now moves to a special project, is replaced by Robin Lynch, who last year conducted the CSO's first-ever seminar for financial hacks.

High note

WHAT does Stanley Kalms of Dixons have to gain from a Mozart-playing pianist with an eye for computers? About £50 million, is the answer, if a bold new deal with a fast-growing Germany company bears fruit. The Dixons group, including Currys and PC World, is about to begin marketing the Highscreen range of desk-top computers, currently Europe's fastest-growing desk-top and a product which some predict will add £50 million to Dixons' turnover. Theo Lieven, founder of Vobis Microcomputer, has branched into ten European countries from a standing start about three years ago, and was set to tackle the UK on his own before tying up with Dixons at the last minute. A keen amateur musician, he will be bashing out Mozart at a function in Vienna next week — in time to coincide with the UK launch. "We expect to sell tens of thousands of the PCs," says Colin Glass, managing director of PC World.



"Monsieur wishes to close his account before we sell it."

Broken bricks

WHAT is a mere change of jobs to aspiring authors? Alastair Ross Goobey, the former James Capel chief investment strategist and now chief executive of PosTel, the £25 billion post office pension fund, has released an updated version of *Bricks & Mortals*, his account of the property boom and slump in the Eighties. The book, first published in hardback last year, tracks the careers of Stuart Lipton, Godfrey Bradman, and other property moguls, and should not be read by anyone counting on an early property upturn. "It is a continuing story," says Ross Goobey, who spent seven years at Capel and has been an economic adviser to two chancellors. Book launches aside, he celebrates his 25th year in the City at the end of the month, but is not planning any big celebrations. "I will find out whether anyone is prepared to buy me a drink after 25 years," he adds. Now, there's an invitation ...

PRESIDENT Clinton has been doing some early Christmas shopping. He has bought 700 silver key rings from Tiffany, the New York jeweller, each with a tiny silver saxophone.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Motor industry's Cinderellas may soon face a challenge from Japan

From Mr David Whitaker

Sir, I hope that the optimism displayed by Kevin Eason on the revitalisation of the British component manufacturers ("Cinderellas of motor industry begin to reap their rewards", 15 Sept) is, indeed, well placed.

It would, however, be well to remember what happened in Southeast Asia which was, 20 years ago, a captive market for British cars and a good market for component suppliers because Japan was only just gearing up before the surge into Southeast Asia.

With many countries in that region wanting to industrialise, automotive imports attracted high tariffs and anyone who wished to assemble in Asia was encouraged. In the vanguard were the Japanese, who now control the market: British manufacturers were, at that time, so enmeshed with fighting unions that they scarcely noticed or cared that the Southeast Asia market was slipping away.

Now the private car market is dominated by Japanese assemblers, who agreed to source components locally. However, very soon the Japanese component manufactuers recognised the merits of this lucrative and growing market and they are now a major source of inward investment in Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia.

It is correct to say that every car assembled or manufactured in Britain contains 30,000 components, and that Nissan and Toyota are currently sourcing from British companies. What I would ask is: for how long?

If I were a Japanese component manufacturer, whose business had been built up on Japanese car manufacturers with no competition from American, British or German component manufacturers, would I remain idle while I see a growing European market being supplied from European sources? I think not. What I would want to know is why were my Japanese colleagues not advising me how to set up supplying them.

Inward investment to Britain from Japan is an outward investment from Japan. The Japanese banks and the Japanese government support their outward investment intentions and it cannot be long before the Invest In Britain people at the DTI cotton on to the fact that a great success story can be had by looking at the 30,000 separate parts in today's cars.

I predict it will not be long before an aggressive thrust is seen by Japanese component manufacturers, wishing to cash in on the European bonanza, and the DTI labels it a success story for inward investment.

What should be done is to get British Government support for an outward investment programme, to set up British factories overseas, to capture a share of growing markets in Eastern Europe, East Asia and the emerging nations of the Pacific Rim.

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Public sector workers hit by private sector tax windfall

From Mr Peter Duboff

Sir, Kenneth Clarke's announcement of a pay freeze for public sector employees will, no doubt, be met with bitter opposition from union leaders.

Mr Clarke will undoubtedly argue that the proposed pay freeze mirrors pay awards and thresholds in the private sector, but he is omitting one important factor, namely the tax benefits available to private sector employees where a Profit Related Pay Scheme is in place.

Profit Related Pay (PRP), only available in the private sector, was introduced by the Finance Act 1989 to motivate employees by relating a proportion of their pay to company profits, with the "profit related" element being payable without deduction of tax. The untaxed element can be up to 20 per cent of gross pay or £4,000, whichever is lower.

After a relaxation in the rules in 1991, most private sector employers with more than 30 staff have either implemented a PRP scheme or are actively considering it for the next financial year. This is because, in most cases, an appropriately structured PRP scheme can replace up to 20 per cent of existing salaried pay with tax-free profit-related pay without recourse to movements in the company's profit.

This will have the effect of providing employees earning up to £20,000 per annum with pay increases of 7.5 per cent at no cost to the employer.

Obviously, the impact of the introduction of a PRP scheme as outlined above has become very much part of pay negotiations in the private sector in the past year and is often introduced alongside a pay freeze because the employees can expect, with reasonable assuredness, a rise in take-home pay substantially in excess of the rate of inflation.

Profit Related Pay is not available in the public sector and therefore these employees are unable to obtain a similar tax benefit to their private sector counterparts.

It is clear from the number of employees now in Profit Related Pay schemes (likely to exceed 2 million by December) that this must have a material effect on the collection of Paye revenues and, therefore, exacerbate the problem of the budget deficit.

Is it fair to try to rectify this by penalising public sector employees who are unable to benefit from this generous legislation?

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Nti	404	...	11.5	3.6	15.6
284	179	Allied Irish	268	...	...	4.8	16.7
397½	330	Ans New Z	370	- 2½	7.3	3.4	15.9
3850	2715	Bankamerica	3087½	+43½	...	...	...
355	177	Bk of Ireland	245	...	...	5.0	19.7
350	225	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
178	116	Bank Scotland	164	+ 2	4.5	3.5	32.7
517	362	Barclays	508	+ 3	...	...	...
4½	2	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
27½	19½	Carlisle	21½	- 1½	...	...	...
570	395	Cater Allen	560	- 3	27.0	4.8	...
153	85	Cattles	141	...	...	3.7	18.8
2480	1789½	Chase Manh	2337½	+18½	...	...	...
2387½	1843½	Citicorp	2367½	+50	...	...	...
435	250	Close Bros	430	+17	11.0	2.5	∞
£1309½	925½	Commerzbk	£1322½	...	...	3.2	...
£318½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£318½	+4½	...	1.9	...
95	68	First Nat Fin	92	...	...	0.7	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank, Y	1542	-32	...	0.4	...
695	543	Gerrard Nat	695	...	31.5	5.5	13.0
774	490	HSBC	677 †	+ 5	10.0	3.5	16.2
752	474	HSBC HK	665 †	+ 7	19.0	3.6	15.9
390	263	Hambros	364	...	14.0	4.8	10.8
413	313	Joseph (L)	408	...	18.6	5.1	...
155	96	King Shaxson	140	...	8.0	7.9	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	473	...	16.0	4.2	16.4
591	492	Lloyds	557	+ 8	18.4	4.1	15.9
118	83	Lon Scot Bk	101	+ 1	3.0	3.7	20.0
527	422	Nat Aust Bk	474½	- 2½	...	4.0	17.5
512	398	Nat West	494	+ 3	17.5	4.4	20.0
468	378	Provident	402	...	11.4	3.5	17.4
5	3	Rea Bros	5½	...	0.5	1.2	54.2
308	207	Rl Bk Scot	304	+ 6	8.8	3.0	...
1335	467½	Schroders	1320 †	+ 9	...	1.0	26.3
994	576	Stand Chan	934	+ 4	...	2.7	...
216	145½	TSB	205	+ 4	6.4	3.9	...
198	78	Union Disc	167	...	...	...	...
815	529	Warburg SG	782	+ 4	...	3.8	19.7
7850	4845½	Wells Fargo	7775	-67½	...	1.3	...
187	121	Westpac	168	- 3	...	4.2	...
285	188	Winntrust	280	...	9.3	4.1	25.3

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	579	+ 1	...	4.5	15.6
847	641	Bass	672	+ 5	18.9	5.0	10.3
599	389	Boddington	522 †	+ 2	7.3	3.4	15.9
459	362	Bulmer (H)	453	...	...	2.9	19.8
198	102	Burn Stewart	115	...	...	3.4	8.9
187	139	Burtonwood Bs	182	...	4.7	2.7	13.5
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'∙	128	...	...	3.2	33.9
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	55	...	...	4.7	∞
457	338	Fuller Sm 'A'∙	457	...	7.4	2.2	18.3
681	532	Grand Met	625	+ 2	12.3	3.6	14.0
42½	347	Greenalls Gp	378	...	11.7	3.9	12.4
572	505	Greene King	563	...	...	2.7	15.9
521	437	Guinness	466 †	- 1	...	3.2	16.6
261	220	Hardy Hanson	252	...	7.8	3.1	14.2
125	105	Heavitree∙	120	...	3.0	3.2	28.6
353	258	Highland Dist	336	- 1	6.0	2.2	22.3
3138	2538	Holt J	2980	...	41.0	1.7	19.5
80	33	Hoskins Bros	78	...	...	...	58.2
323	250	Invergordn Dist	294	- 5	3.1	1.1	36.2
186	142	Macallan-Glen	143	- 3	0.9	0.8	32.0
365	275	Macdn Marin 'A'	355	...	...	2.0	18.4
251	164	Marstfield	216	...	...	2.2	15.5
221	180	Myston Thmp	218	...	...	2.3	14.6
468	329½	Matthew Clark	468	...	4.6	1.0	...
360	253	Mrrydwn W	275	-13	7.0	3.2	21.7
545	458	Morland	528	...	8.4	2.0	21.4
12	6½	Parabrownie	10	...	...	3.1	17.7
187	145	Regent Inns	179	...	...	2.2	17.9
975	753	SA Breweries	878	+16	...	2.8	17.6
487	408	Scot & Newc	470	- 9	...	4.5	14.6
228	181	Taunton Cider	209	- 4	6.0	3.6	17.1
356	213	Vaux Group	242	- 2	9.3	4.8	16.8
326	225	Wetherspoon JD	325	...	...	1.8	26.3
599	435	Whitbread 'A'	542	- 2	...	4.1	14.6
1417	880	-do- 'B'	1417	...	...	1.6	25.5
1147	674	Wolvrhmpton D	674	- 9	11.4	3.0	13.3
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
120	73	Abbey	120	...	...	1.0	45.0
29½	12½	Allbrightone▲	19 †	...	...	...	...
177	97	Allen▲	132	+ 2	...	4.7	20.9
107	86	Amec	107	+ 3	3.0	...	19.5
12	4	Anglia Sec	8½	...	...	...	...
304	155	Ashtead▲	303	...	4.5	1.9	48.7
142	101	Attwoods	132	- 2	5.0	4.7	19.1
260	180	BPB Ind	258	...	...	3.6	44.4
69	57	Baggeridge Brk	67	...	3.1	4.5	39.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	29	...	0.5	2.4	...
108	74	Barcon	106	...	12.5	11.9	10.1
364½	325	Bardon	44 †	...	2.0	5.7	21.7
167	94	Barrat Devs	167	+ 2	2.0	1.5	18.6
451	305	Bellway	447	...	...	3.4	25.9
43	15	Bellwinch	41	...	...	...	...
446	356½	Berkeley Gp	433	...	...	1.8	26.5
118	65	Bett Bros	108	...	...	0.6	5.4
62	36	Blockleys	55	...	1.0	2.3	60.8
288	189	Blue Circle	252 †	- 1½	...	5.2	...
265	230	Boot (Henry)	254	...	9.9	2.7	15.3
129	78	Bredon PLC	88	...	4.6	6.5	21.3
121	82	Br Dredging	117	...	5.2	5.7	25.4
96	45	Brk Fittings	80	+ 2	1.5	2.4	...
151	99	Bryant	147	+ 1	4.8	4.2	∞
98	53	CALA	97 †	+ ½	2.3	3.0	∞
284	200	CRH	282 †	- 7	...	3.0	19.9
43	18	Cakebread Rby	40	...	...	...	...
46	22	Costain	34	+ 1	...	...	...
143	89½	Countryside	139	+ 1	...	3.7	36.7
58	28	Crest Nicholson	51	+ 1	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	105	+ 2	...	1.2	...
3½	1½	Dunton▲	3	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hdgs	18½	...	0.5	...	...
225	178	Epwin	223	...	6.8	3.1	23.1
58	32	Erith	54	...	0.3	0.8	...
473	252	Eve Groups▲	473	...	2.6	17.1	...
6½	3½	Explosive▲	4½	...	...	...	...
480	97	Freeman Gp▲	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	47	...	4.3	...	18.9
72	52	Gibbs & Dandy	72	...	...	...	...
918	686	Gleeson (M)	915	...	12.7	1.7	14.8
144	90	Hawden-Stuart	139	...	...	2.9	31.6
51	24	Hewerson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
255	196	Hgrad Wm	247 †	- 3½	12.5	4.6	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	108	...	2.5	2.9	...
38	26	How Gp	37	- 1	...	5.1	...
21	15	Howard Hdgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
79	39	Hyprock Johnsen	76	...	1.0	1.6	...
19	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	302½	- 2½	9.0	3.7	12.1
127½	103	-do- 6.6% Cv Pf	124½	- 3	...	9.4	...
68	55	Ln Clydesdale▲	68	+ 3	4.5	5.9	35.8
53	10½	Lovell (J)	16½	- 1	...	...	7.5
270	240	Manders	259 †	- 1	9.0	3.4	10.2
168	93	Marley	153	- 1	4.2	3.4	44.9
107	61	Marshalls	106	...	...	4.7	73.0
180	112	Maunders (J)	178	- 1	4.9	3.5	16.3
215	96	Mcalpine (A)	214	+ 1	9.5	3.8	37.0
40½	23	McCarthy & S	38	...	0.5	...	...
417	272	Meyer Int	394	- 1	3.2	39.5	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	118	- 1	4.0	4.2	...
151	54	NSM	150	- 1	...	...	...
53	48	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.2
171	70½	Newman Tnks	142 †	- 1½	...	...	19.0
300	197	Persimmon	281 †	...	8.6	3.8	28.7
3138	2538	Phoenix Timber	14	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1528	...	28.0	2.4	9.3
163	80	Pronvling	161	...	3.4	2.6	...
4½	1½	Quilligotti▲	2	...	...	...	...
823	555	RMC Gp	801	+ 3	...	3.1	29.8
217	75½	Raine Ind	97	...	6.0	8.6	14.5
435	280	Ramsay	300	+ 2	...	...	...
573	402	Redland	520	+ 1	25.0	5.9	30.8
80	64	Reskel	71	...	4.3	7.7	10.3
296	207	Rugby Group	263 †	- 3	6.4	3.1	20.1
50	23	Syrtld-Rvss	50 †	+ ½	...	0.6	...
158	68	Sharpe & Fisher	128	+ 1	...	4.0	22.0
227	96½	Sheffield Ind	227	+ 3	...	3.0	55.7
163	82	Sheriff Hdgs▲	163	...	...	1.5	24.3
95	66	Shorrock	80	...	...	8.1	18.2
240	196	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
3½	2½	Stanmin	3½	...	...	3.6	...
161	103	Tarmac	147	- 1	8.5	4.7	...
194	137	Tay Homes	175	...	...	5.8	4.2
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	112 †	- 2½	1.0	1.1	...
658	433	Tilbury Dougls	596	- 9	33.0	6.9	10.4
34	19	Tomkt Hire▲	17	...	...	1.4	...
247	198	Travis Perkins	243	+ 7	8.0	4.1	42.8
40	28½	Try Group	29 †	- ½	1.0	4.3	8.2
28	26	Tsdon▲	26	...	...	1.2	...
88½	41	Vibroplant	83	...	2.5	3.0	29.0
50	20	Ward Hdgs	48	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	...	3.5	18.3
26	8	Wescolo	25	...	...	...	...
164	93	Westbury	161	...	5.0	3.9	25.1
12	4½	West Scaffolde	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 ∞	...	...	...	...
491	371	Wilson Bowdn	460 †	+ 2½	8.7	2.4	31.9
205	147	Wilson (C)	189 †	+ ½	3.9	2.6	32.7
194	104	Wimpey C	171 †	+ 2	...	3.8	...
47	25	YRM	32	...	0.5	2.0	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	665	+15	...	...	6.6
238	198	Adam & Harvy	228	...	12.0	6.6	6.2
92	56	Air Londons▲	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
56	37	Alrican Leas	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	125	Auto Sec	147	- 1	...	4.5	26.3
134	84	BET Ord	130½	+ 1	...	3.3	5.0
101	41	BNB Res	100	...	4.9	...	...
318	258	BPP	311	...	8.0	3.2	17.2
295	195	Barbour Index	210	- 1	8.0	4.6	14.9
24	15	Brasnead	23	...	0.7	...	...
265	144	Brx Data Mgt	240	+ 8	4.7	2.5	∞
26	11	Broadcastlex	26	+ 1	...	1.2	20.7
73	54	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
85	66	CRT Gp	107 †	...	...	3.3	19.0
1393	1394	Capita Group	1393	...	...	2.1	37.8
109	65	Chrt Sec Plc	93	...	...	4.3	16.5
51	26	Christie	48	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	345	...	...	1.7	31.4
103	78	Comtec∙	95	...	...	2.0	23.7
34	6½	Comp Services	33	+ 1	...	...	...
52	30	Coutts Cnslg	49	...	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	109	- 1	3.3	3.0	14.5
256	148	Davis Service	228 †	- ½	...	4.4	17.2
104	65	EW Pizza	95	...	4.3	5.7	10.9
52	11	Gardiner	31	...	0.6	...	21.5
257	215	Hays	250	+ 4	4.6	2.3	36.8
248	174	Hcrg Robinsn	228	...	...	3.6	16.6
70	35	Holmes Protectn	36	...	...	...	2.2
206	127	Hunch Whamp	193	- 1	...	2.4	16.4
2062½	975	ISS B Dkr	1987½	...	...	5.3	2.6
637	510	Inchcape	528	- 2	...	3.3	17.0
893	669	Johnson Clean	948	...	25.7	3.8	18.5
12	2½	Lep	10	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	285	...	3.5	1.5	22.2
1187	893	Manpower	987	- 1	...	...	...
62	40½	Michael Page	61 †	- ½	1.8	3.7	25.9
279	162	Pennan	167	...	...	7.5	6.3
4½	2	Prime People▲	2½	...	...	...	...
142	74	Prondfoot Alex	83	+ 7	...	...	6.5
123	107	RCO	107	...	12.6	4.5	13.7
118	98	REA	98	...	4.0	5.1	...
106	43	Reed Executive	104	...	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Secs	113	...	...	5.0	26.5
238	178	Renokhl	206 †	...	2.3	1.4	25.7
282	220	Rolfe & Nolan	253	...	...	3.6	14.1
309	234	Salvesen (C)	305	+ 1	...	2.7	20.0
39	26	Scott Pickford▲	38	...	...	2.6	12.1
6½	5	Select Appt▲	6	...	...	...	...
1168	698	Serco Gp	1148	+ 5	14.0	1.2	31.8
352	124	Sherwd Compn	148 †	- 2½	...	5.9	4.3
130	90	Staicbley	100	...	...	3.8	22.9
358	310	Warner Howard	345	...	6.5	2.4	18.8
45	27	Welpac	32	...	...	...	...
20½	14	Wills Gp	15½	...	0.4	2.0	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

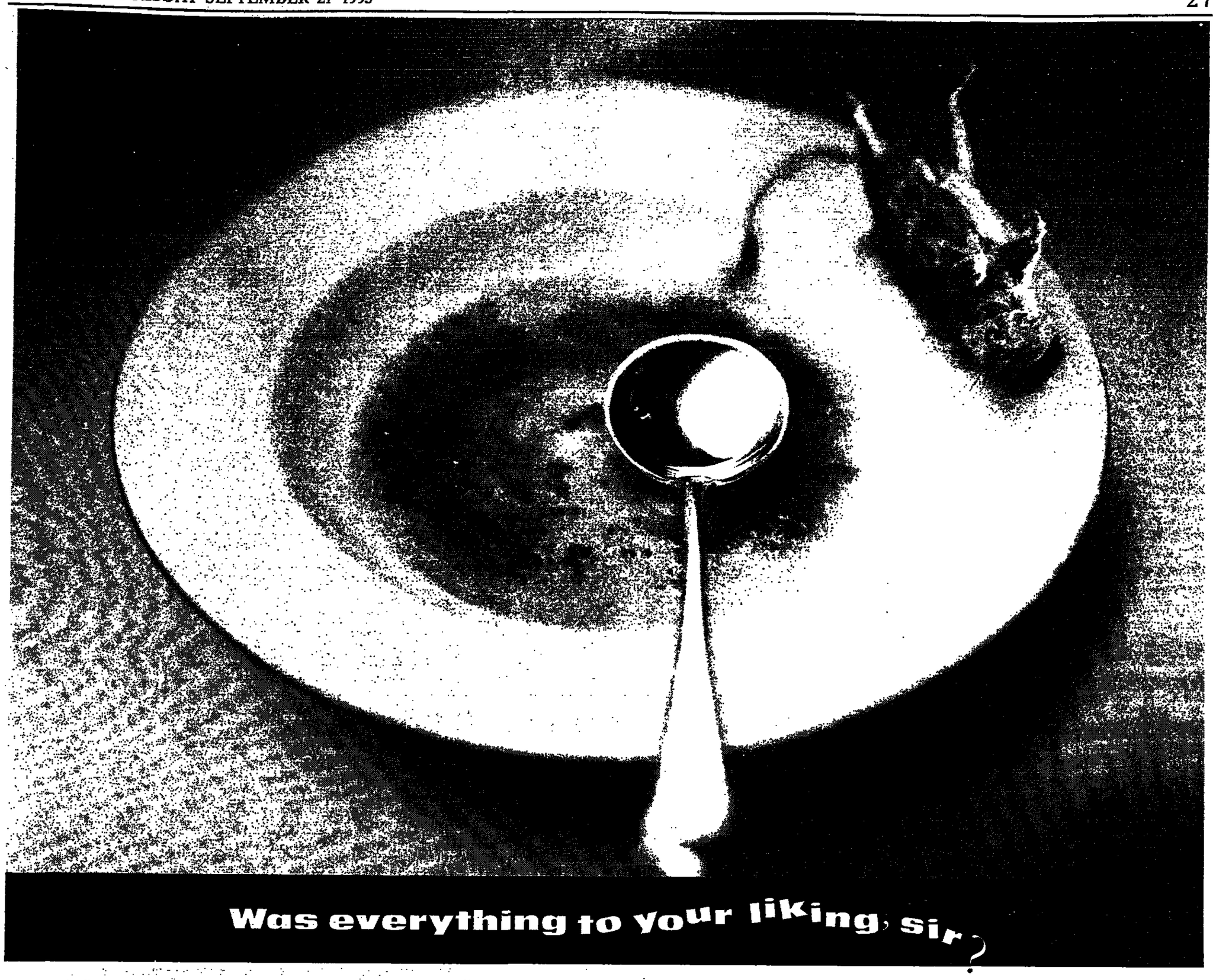
1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	238	- 1	...	2.3	20.9
861	613	Amersham	815	- 2	...	2.7	28.2
7	1½	Arzzio Nbl	2	...	...	...	...
£1007½	£825	BASF DM	£1025	+34½	...	3.3	...
297	199	BTP	274	...	...	4.2	18.9
£1237½	£1015	Bayer DM50	£1252½	+12½	...	4.3	...
178	134	Blagden	166	...	9.5	...	17.9
165	93	Brent Chems	157	...	...	8.8	10.6
530	385	Br Bio-Tech	526	+ 1	...	...	...
29	12	Caird Gp	13	...	...	12.8	36.1
153	128	Cantmr (W)	144	...	7.2	6.5	16.2
608	504	Courtaulds	515	- 5	...	3.4	13.7
335	228	Croda	328 †	...	...	3.0	16.8
149	121	Doeflex	136	...	4.6	4.2	10.4
252	178	Ellis & Everard	218	+ 1	...	4.0	20.0
36½	15½	Elm Colour	36½	+ 2½	0.8	2.7	22.3
328	259	Halstead (J)	327	...	...	2.3	16.4
241	167	Hickson	182 †	- 1	...	5.5	16.9
£1141	£880	Hoechst	£1105	+17½	...	3.2	...
228	195	Holliday Chem	222	+ 2	...	2.1	20.4
7985	608	ICI	706	+ 6	...	4.9	...
688	578	Laporte	648 †	- 1½	19.5	3.8	17.9
230	181	Leigh	214	+ 1	...	4.6	20.6
97½	35	MTM	64	...	...	...	...
1900	1462½	Nycst Hydro	1762½	+37½	...	1.6	25.0
484	370	Paterson Zoch	461	...	11.6	3.1	19.9
420	360	-do- 'A'	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
296	221	Plysu	227	...	...	3.7	15.5
206	173	Polvair	205 †	- 1½	3.6	1.7	28.3
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	60	- 1	...	...	...
488	412	Wardle Storeys	474	- 1	14.0	4.2	19.1
530	395	Wigginhlme R	530	+37	17.0	4.0	18.1
401	330	Yorks Chem	375	+ 1	...	2.5	20.1
306	238	Yuke Chmo	277	- 1	5.9	2.7	14.9
765	593	Zeneca	710 †	- 8½	...	4.8	42.3

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	52	Alexon	98 †	...	...	5.7	...
87	42	Amber Day	72	- 1	3.1	5.4	19.7
352	257	Argos Plc	334	- 2	...	2.6	28.3
52	12	Ashley Group	15	...	...	...	...
116	89	Ashley (Laura)	109	...	0.1	0.1	...
317	276	Asprey	317	+ 1	5.1	2.0	22.0
134	94	Austin Reed	131	...	...	2.4	...
158	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	150 †	+ ½	...	5.0	15.1
121	96	Bennetts	97 †	+ ½	1.9	2.4	...
278	206	Bestwerwe	230	- 1	...	1.1	27.5
41	22	Bibs Leis	41	...	...	2.2	18.3
227	133	Body Shop	182	- 3	...	1.2	23.9
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	13½	...	...	0.7	6.7
401	318	Brown (N)	392	...	...	2.2	23.0
87½	64½	Burton	71½	...	...	2.5	...
158	126	Canturs	154	...	4.0	3.3	∞
360	295	Church	345	...	12.5	4.5	30.7
183	97	Clinton Cards	156	- 1	4.2	3.4	18.8
262	212	Coats Viyella	254½	- 1½	...	4.2	16.8
112	78	Colourvision▲	103	...	5.6	6.8	18.5
700	574	Courts Furnish	695	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
155	115	Crown Eyec	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
139	89	Daisy Farm Ind	117 †	- 1	...	3.1	17.5
87	51½	Dewhirst (J)	84½	...	1.0	1.5	27.1
291	189	Dixons Grp	257	...	...	3.7	14.9
413	320	Dunhill	372	- 1	8.1	2.7	14.5
21	12½	ERA Gp	14	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
165	102	Essex Furn	165	...	...	6.1	28.0
273	203	Etam	269	...	6.9	3.2	24.7
508	499	Fine Art Dev	581	...	12.7	2.7	19.0
98	26	First Earth Tlts	45	...	...	...	...
558	498	Forminster	553	...	14.0	3.2	10.1
180	34	French Conn▲	151	+ 6	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SE	61	...	2.1	4.4	∞
68	23	Goldsmiths Gp	66	+ 1	0.3	0.5	...
3825	2400	GUS	3800	...	...	1.5	29.6
2165	1561	-do- 'A'	2123	+13	...	1.5	16.5
40	34	Hampden Grp▲	31	...	...	4.8	15.4
307	30	Hartstone	63	...	...	5.6	...
26	20	Helene Pic	25½	...	2.0	9.9	12.1
72	28	Heritage▲	69	+ 1	...	...	...
71	35	Honeysuckle▲	70	...	...	1.8	9.9
126	63	Jacques Vert	126	+ 1	...	3.0	9.7
491	426	Kingfisher	468 †	+ 4½	...	2.6	21.6
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	5.9	13.6
695	495	Liberty	580	...	...	2.7	16.1
320	241	Lloyds Chem	272	...	...	5.5	20.1
152	120	MFI	148	...	...	2.7	31.1
3909	311	Marks Spencer	381½	...	12.7	3.3	21.2
565	445	Menzies (John)	558 †	+ ½	6.4	1.2	15.8
230	135	Moss Bros	228	...	5.5	3.0	26.9
2170	1399	Next	2033	- 18	2.5	1.5	34.2
41	15	Oliver (G)	38	...	...	...	...
203	170	Oriflame Int	196	...	...	4.0	14.6
63	38½	Penuar	42	...	...	1.5	45.8
313	185	Qd Hldgs	205	...	5.1	3.2	14.6
43	30½	Rhino Grp▲	41	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	161	...	...	...	...
117	93	Sears	113	- 1	...	3.9	...
41½	11	Signet Group	30½	+ 2	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	437	- 3	...	4.1	14.5
18	4½	Spectaleyes▲	18	+ 1	...	...	...
228	176	Storehouse	220	- 1	...	2.8	28.4
191	148	T & S Stores	169	...	5.9	4.4	12.4
160	71	Tie Rack	155	- 1	1.0	0.8	25.4
231	160	Time Products	220	...	7.5	4.3	19.0
221	116	Unichem (Frankl▲	128	...	...	2.3	15.2
45	27	Vival	36	+ 2	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	34	Wensum▲	34	...	...	6.7	...
78	70	Wickes	108	...	...	0.2	46.3
78	45	Wid of Leamore▲	67	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale▲	187 †	+ 1	...	2.7	20.7
4	2½	Xtra-Vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
197	134	ACT Group	176	...	...	3.6	17.7
243	203	Acsia	240	...	...	3.3	16.2
38	28	Acorn Compu▲	30½	...	...	...	53.7
480	385	Admiral	465	- 2	5.4	1.5	19.7
170	104	Alba	168 †	+ 2	...	3.6	21.1
50	39½	Alphameric	45	...	...	...	...
43½	22	Amstrad	43½	+ 1½	0.4	...	...
128	81	App Holos▲	75	...	...	...	...
40	9	Arlen	40	...	...	...	...
86	35½	Astec	77½	...	...	0.4	1.2
292	243	Beales Hunter	264	...	...	4.8	15.1
9	3½	Bennett & Fourn▲	4	...	...	...	...
446	310	BICC	416	+ 4	19.2	5.9	...
575	435	Blick	480	...	9.2	2.4	18.7
1700	950	Borland▲	950	...	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	353	...	6.3	2.3	23.1
445½	376	BT	425½	+ 6½	...	4.6	20.1
189½	150	BT PF	180½	+ 3½	...	4.4	20.8
12	5½	Bulgin IAFI 'A'	12	...	0.1	1.0	17.1
160	110	Burndfield	113 †	- 1	5.7	5.0	17.6
975	669	Cable Wireless	838	+ 5	...	2.2	21.9
24½	11½	Chloride	23½	...	...	...	...
253	229	CML Micro▲	271	...	...	2.2	19.7
115	74	Comptr People	108	...	0.6	0.6	...
164	108½	Corp Elect	141	...	...	1.8	∞
434	343	Crtchley	414	...	...	3.4	21.0
554	414	Delta	510 †	...	...	3.4	21.0
360	205	Dermans Ele	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
630	395	Domino	469	...	9.2	1.9	16.0
95	48	Dowding Mills	60 †	+ 3	2.5	4.2	∞
1105	865	Dtacks	1105	...	10.0	1.1	23.6
469	358	Electrocomponts	444	- 1	...	2.2	18.1
580	478	El Data Pre	560	...	5.1	1.1	15.4
133	43	Electron House	129 †	...	2.1



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Chancellor urged to help boost cash-flow

BY RODNEY HOBSON

CASH-FLOW problems and lack of finance continue to hamper small firms, according to the British Chambers of Commerce.

In its 1993 Budget and Autumn Statement submission, *Trading for Growth*, the chambers call on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to address the question of the availability of finance for small firms. If, as in previous recoveries, small firms are chiefly responsible for the generation of new employment, the gap in financing must be addressed, it says.

Improvements in the mechanics of lending, such as quickly passing on decreases in interest rates to the small borrower, and more sources of loan and equity finance will be needed if small firms are to meet the demand recovery brings.

Premiums on the loan guarantee scheme are still too high, the report says, and a more positive approach from banks is needed in supporting loan guarantee schemes.

The emphasis on lending criteria should move towards business plans and forecasts rather than assets, and banks should be less willing to foreclose on companies with negative equity where business plans demonstrate a potential for increased turnover, it adds.

A statutory right to interest on late payment will help to change the corporate payment culture. However, the chambers warn, legislation must not create an excessively regulatory framework.



Clarke: plea from small firms

Hitting the big time in small houses

BY DELLA MASON

SEVEN years ago, Lyn Thompson asked her husband John to buy her a doll's house for Christmas. But instead of starting a hobby, they decided to start a business, selling top quality dolls' houses and the accessories to go with them.

"We always knew we wanted to be a market leader and not just an ordinary shop," said Mr Thompson, an information technology executive in the City and the financial brains behind the business.

He and his wife, a departmental supervisor at Marks and Spencer, hunted for the right premises, eventually finding a derelict shop in Royal Parade, Chislehurst, Kent. Facing a restoration costing £20,000, they aimed to open on September 19 last year. Until two days before, there were planning hitches, which meant the new shopfront could not be installed until 36 hours before the opening time, but they resolved to meet their target date.

Mr Thompson frequently worked with a builder in the evenings after getting home from the City. "We shovelled concrete and did the heavy labouring ourselves," he says.

Finance came from remortgaging their home, £10,000 of savings, a £10,000 overdraft and the liberal use of three credit cards with high limits.

"We tried many banks before realising that we would have to finance the project, at least initially, without them." Mr Thompson says. "Few people took what we were doing seriously."

The range of products in the shop is vast — from dolls' houses in Tudor, Georgian and modern designs to small Olde Worlde English shoppes and a quaint pub. The accessories are intriguing and varied, featuring plastic dogs and cats, dressed dolls, tea sets in hallmarked silver, DIY materials, children's "unbreakable" furniture and exquisitely crafted collectors' pieces. There is even electric lighting that works.

House prices range from kits at £19.95 to commissioned houses costing more than £1,000. Dolls' House Parade's do-it-yourself section has every product from roof tiles and wallpaper to dado rails and floorboards — as the shop's slogan says, "Everything for your doll's house under one roof."

Regency miniature furniture, a dining table and set of chairs, are tiny and beautiful works of art at £250. But there are hundreds of items for the enthusiast on a tighter budget.

Mrs Thompson says the fascination of dolls' houses is hard to explain to those who have yet to experience it. "We have people who are great sceptics but once they come into the shop, they begin to see it differently," she says. "We have a hard job convincing people that it is not just a hobby for children. In fact, 80 per cent of our customers are adult."

Mr and Mrs Thompson have their sights set on opening further shops, possibly expanding into the European market. "We believe there is a world market for fine crafted English houses and furniture, one which we plan to explore," Mrs Thompson says.



Dolls' houses are proving to be a small but perfectly formed business for Lyn Thompson. Now she hopes to expand into Europe

Credit act threatens small firms

THE results of a survey by the Finance & Leasing Association show that an estimated £830 million a year will be lost to small businesses if the Consumer Credit Act is extended to cover small incorporated firms and the financial limit increased to £30,000 (Rodney Hobson writes). This is because some facilities will become too expensive or risky to provide under the act.

Small businesses will be further disadvantaged because provision of finance will become less flexible and subject to greatly increased regulation. The cost of the hire purchase and leasing that remains available will also increase. Tony Mallin, chairman of the association, comments: "The extension of the Consumer Credit Act will restrict small business access to finance, inhibit business expansion and damage economic recovery."

As well as the prohibitive cost of providing finance under the act, some facilities will be impossible to provide. Variable rate hire purchase, for instance, which is at present widely used by small businesses, cannot be offered under the act.

Business finance provided by the association's members is mainly asset-based hire purchase and leasing. The act's provisions weaken a finance company's security in assets and this will mean that less finance is available to high-risk small business customers such as start-up companies and those developing new technologies. Without the security of assets, finance companies will be forced to use more rigorous credit criteria.

Small businesses in financial difficulties often request formal rescheduling of payments, which can make the difference between survival and failure. Under the act, this would require complex modifying agreements. The association's survey shows that half the members felt they would be unable to offer modifying agreements if the Act were extended.

Another serious problem for small businesses is that the act specifies a cooling-off period for cancellable agreements. This would deny small businesses the ability to fulfil urgent equipment needs, as it is unlikely that a supplier would deliver goods until the cooling-off period was over. The survey shows that small businesses already covered by the act do not want this facility. Fewer than 0.4 per cent of cancellable agreements have actually been cancelled.

Tony Mallin adds: "This is a clear case of a provision which was intended to protect the consumer from doorstep selling being totally inappropriate for business customers."

The association has argued for years that the act is unsuitable for protecting business customers. This view was accepted by the government in 1987, when it said it would remove small business lending and hiring from the act. But nothing has been done.

Tax watch

THE one-year tax window, opened in last year's Budget, that allows businesses to obtain higher allowances on investment in equipment and industrial buildings, ends on October 31. Businesses should act swiftly to ensure that planned spending is made in time to take advantage of the cash-flow boost, Touche Ross says.

For equipment bought by October 31, 1993, a 40 per cent first-year allowance is given in place of the normal 25 per cent writing-down allowance. Although this is an acceleration of the depreciation allowed for tax purposes rather than an additional relief, it helps the cash-flow. David Cruickshank, Touche Ross tax partner, says it is not necessary for the money actually to be paid by October 31.

☐ Nine small businesses aiming to win customers abroad have been helped by Post Office exhibition grants. Presented in association with the London Enterprise Agency, the grants will help firms to finance trips abroad to seek orders. A total of £7,500 went to businesses with products ranging from jewellery to hand-crafted carpets.

☐ Business in Britain, a three-day conference aimed at managing directors, finance directors and business advisers, will be held at the Barbican Centre, London, from November 30 to December 2. The winner of the Growing Business of the Year award, selected from finalists from ten regions of England, Scotland and Wales, will be announced during the exhibition. Details: 0800 070 700.

☐ Bank of Scotland is to sponsor the annual conference of the Federation of Small Businesses, to be held in Edinburgh from March 25 to March 27. The conference will be attended by 450 delegates and their partners.

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Fines or jail? As fresh guidelines are introduced for magistrates, two experts look at the politics and practice of sentencing



Apprehending a suspect: a scene from *The Bill*, a television series. Violent criminals are now more likely to be jailed

Punishing schedule

Sentences for criminals may become harsher under the new regime

The government's U-turn earlier this year over parts of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 has obliged the Magistrates' Association to revise its sentencing guidelines, which come into effect this week.

What started as a process of adjustment to take account of the Criminal Justice Act 1993 turned into a complete review because of other forces. These were notably a toughening in the politics of law and order and "gatekeeping" by prosecutors, which can now mean that courts are dealing with more serious offences, the less serious ones being diverted from the courtroom altogether — for example, by means of police "cautions" for first offenders. As a result, the new guidelines look harsher.

In the language of practitioners, sentencing has moved "up tariff", especially for offences of violence, house burglary, criminal deception or those involving hard drugs.

For the first time, stipendiary magistrates and justices' clerks worked alongside lay magistrates to create the guidelines, which are published with the official support of the Justices' Clerks' Society.

The association's first guidelines were published more than a decade ago. Since 1988, each new edition (including this 1993 version) has received the blessing of the Lord Chief Justice of the day and the Lord Chancellor. One purpose is to encourage "consistency of approach" to sentencing in the 600 or so magistrates' courts of England and Wales.

The guidelines are awaited with anticipation by the 29,000 lay magistrates, although there has never been universal acceptance of them. They lack legal force but operate by way of "recommendation".

Some courts do adopt them *in toto*; a few courts have rejected them as unacceptable. The new guidelines will perhaps prove more attractive to all shades of opinion in the magistracy because of the strength of the working party and the sophistication of the guidelines compared with their earlier counterparts.

They now contain "entry points" into the range of available sentences (see box) and much improved explanations for users of the guide.

The 1988 guidelines broke new ground by introducing "serious indicators" — lists of factors that make an offence more or less serious of its kind. An assault, for example, is more serious if it is "premeditated", involves a "weapon", "group action" or a "vulnerable victim" — less serious if there is "provocation" or it is an "impulsive action".

These indicators reflect Court of Appeal rulings and are retained and improved on in the new version. However, the 1988 guidelines were built around the now-rejected unit fines scheme and relied heavily on fines as a sentencing choice.

The printed reminder that the guidelines are only "starting points" indicates the association's uphill task in convincing some magistrates to exercise their discretion to the full. In the past, this may have led to inappropriate outcomes — sentences too low or too high for the actual seriousness of the offence.

To an extent, the new guidelines put sentencing back on track, post the Criminal Justice Acts of 1991 and 1993. They set out a comprehensive framework while encouraging proper use of the sentencer's discretion. The "entry points" should prove acceptable to a wide range of judicial opinion.

Wrongly used — if too little account is taken of those items that make an offence less serious, or of personal mitigation affecting an individual offender — the guidelines could escalate sentencing, with serious cost implications, and undermine much progressive community-based work.

Crime is a complex problem in which the instant attraction of a "tough" sentence often pales in the longer term as the offender becomes more enmeshed in the criminal justice process. It will now be for the defence to "talk the court down" from the presumptive sentence — if it can.

BRYAN GIBSON

● The author is legal adviser to the Magistrates' Association Sentencing of Offenders Committee. The guidelines are published by the Magistrates' Association, 28 Fitzroy Square, London, price £10 (£3.50 members).

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THE 1993 guidelines cover 32 criminal offences (it had been 20 previously) "which come before magistrates' courts frequently", as well as most traffic offences. They emphasise the importance of compensation and suggest cash values for a range of injuries. Each offence has an "entry point".

● The entry point is *custody* for certain offences, including violent disorder, house burglary, wounding, and assault on police. A *community sentence* (usually probation, community service or both — called a "combination order") is the entry point, for example, for affray, common assault, possession of hard drugs, handling stolen goods, obtaining by deception, social-security offences and dangerous driving. A *fine* is the entry point, for example, for theft from a shop (£270 for an offence of "average seriousness" by someone of "average financial circumstances"), criminal damage (£270), careless driving (£180) and drunk and disorderly (£90).

● A court should adjust the fine up or down for the better off or worse off under the new means-related fine system. A timely guilty plea attracts a discount of "about a third" (a new departure but reflecting correct sentencing principle). Other factors, such as age, health, co-operation with the police and voluntary compensation may earn some reduction.

● The guide describes the steps to a correct sentence and incorporates two legal changes in particular: previous convictions or failures to respond to earlier sentences can now make the present offence more serious; and offending on bail does this automatically. A companion training exercise has been published by the Magistrates' Association.

Look to the appeal court for sentencing guidance

Consistency may be desirable but is unattainable in practice

Last month *The Times* reported that penal reformers predict problems in the wake of the repeal of the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 1991. These provisions related to the effect previous convictions could have on the length of sentences and how magistrates should calculate the amount of fines for summary offences. Reformers would like the Lord Chief Justice to issue guidelines for Crown Court judges and for the Magistrates' Association to bring out guidance for benches.

The Lord Chief Justice is unlikely to do so. He has no jurisdiction by himself to tell or advise other judges how to sentence. He can when presiding in the criminal division of the Court of Appeal and giving the judgment of the court express an opinion on how the kind of offence being considered should be dealt with by trial judges.

The opinion of the Lord Chief Justice as to what the range of sentences should be for particular offences carries considerable weight with the judges sitting with him; but it would be unconstitutional and undesirable for the Lord Chief Justice by himself to decide what the range of sentences should be.

The appeal court has always stressed that guidelines are intended to help judges: they cannot bind them. Consistency in sentencing is desirable, but unattainable in practice. The most that can be hoped for is that judges follow the same principles when sentencing. Decisions of the appeal court as to the principles to be applied in sentencing are decisions on points of law and therefore binding on trial judges.

How previous convictions should be treated when sentencing raises a question of principle. A judge has to decide what is the appropriate penalty on the facts of that case, not those of some other case. Modern penal statutes provide for maximum sentences calculated on what would be appropriate for the worst case that could reasonably be imagined. The facts of the case under consideration will usually be assessed in seriousness well below the maximum. For the purpose of sentencing, however, the facts are not confined to those relevant to proof. The information before the court, which may include particulars of previous convictions, may show that the offence charged was one incident in a course of criminal conduct.



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A typical example is where the defendant's record reveals persistent shoplifting. In such cases the sentence can reflect the greater seriousness of the offence.

The judge then has to decide what the sentence should be, there being no mitigating factors. Previous good character is the most obvious one. There are many others. Defendants with previous convictions usually cannot claim that there are any mitigating factors in their favour; but sometimes they can. It is in this sense as a matter of principle that previous convictions are relevant. A judge who assessed what he thought was the proper sentence on the facts and then doubled it because the defendant had previous convictions would err in law. From time to time, Parliament has empowered judges to increase sentences because of previous convictions. A notorious example is the provision of the Criminal Justice Act 1948, which created the sentence of preventive detention, which resulted in offenders being sentenced to seven years' jail for minor thefts. That power no longer exists.

It seems likely that the sections of the 1991 Act that have been repealed were intended to give statutory effect to these principles. They caused confusion because of clumsy and obtuse language. Since repeal, the principles remain for courts to apply.

Those who criticise judges and magistrates for inconsistency in sentencing overlook the fact that sentences should reflect what is required for the administration of justice in a particular area.

The stipendiary magistrate sitting in the Marlborough Street magistrates' court who had to sentence a man for stealing a lobster from Selfridges would probably regard it as just another case of shoplifting. But the magistrates at Wadebridge, Cornwall, would, and should, take a very different view of stealing a lobster from a fisherman's lobster pot off Port Isaac. Such thefts have often rightly attracted sentences of imprisonment because of the need to protect catches that can be easily stolen.

The Magistrates' Association has been giving advice to benches for many years. No doubt, they will go on doing so. Past experience, however, has shown the danger of this.

It may seem just to some to be able to anticipate that if they are summoned for using a noisy lawn mower on a Sunday afternoon in their garden in Holland Park or at their country cottage, contrary to the Lawnmowers (Harmonisation of Noise Emission Standards) (Amendment) Regulations 1987, they will be fined the same both in the Marylebone magistrates' court and that at Devizes. The fines should be different because the circumstances are different.

Ever since Lord Parker's tenure of office as Lord Chief Justice, the appeal court has tried to establish a corpus of sentencing principles. Lord Lane made a most valuable contribution. The Home Office would be well advised to let it go on doing so. The members of that court bring to the task the experience that many of the Home Office's advisers lack.

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Meanwhile the slimmed down Bar conference, which this year will take place over just one day on October 2, still promises to pack some punch. The Bar Council decided to cut the conference to one day, said the spokesman, "because attendance was not as high as we wanted and we thought if we condensed the conference, and save people having to drag themselves out of bed it might bump up the registration". The ploy has worked, he says, with more than 380 barristers registering, nearly a third more than last year.

To add some spice the conference chairman, Michael Blair, suggested adding a new session called "A Burning Issues Debate".

Says the spokesman: "Michael has attended a few conferences where this type of session has been successful. There are certainly plenty of topics to discuss."

INNS AND OUTS

Lease interest

THE Leasehold Reform Act, which comes into force in November, is starting to generate work for leading counsel prepared to stake their reputation on its interpretation.

Philip Jackson, of estate agent Chesterton's Mayfair office, says: "We are seeing a lot of investors interested in buying short-term leases which qualify to be enfranchised under the act.

"We have just had a buyer from Hong Kong who sent two short-term leases from counsel to see if they were within the act before buying."

Martin Raybould, of Hampstead solicitors Raybould & Co, says: "If you are buying the rump end of a lease from the Grosvenor Estate, for example, you have to be very sure what you are buying, because they will fight like hell. I wouldn't dream of giving advice on this act, but a small group of surveyors and leading counsel are starting to establish themselves as experts."

Hurtling QC

BARRISTERS in The Temple were entertained to see Gordon Pollock, QC, of 4 Essex Court, posing outside chambers on his red BMW 750 bike. Was *Fast Bikes* doing a feature on "Hell's QCs?"

Unfortunately not. Keen bikers will have to catch the next edition of monthly magazine *Legal Business*, which is profiling Pollock and his chambers. David Grief, the chief clerk, is less amused. "He usually rides the bike from St Pancras to Chambers, but sometimes he torments me with it as I wave goodnight to our greatest asset as he sets off to ride home up the A1, usually when it is pouring with rain with juggernauts hurtling in all directions."



Top of the class

JUDGE Heather Steel, whose impressive performance as one of the "teachers" of new judges in the recent television documentary *Inside a Wig* did much to boost the image of the judiciary, has been appointed to the High Court bench.

Both her promotion — and that of another well-known legal figure, Law Commissioner Richard Buxton QC — are further examples of the recent run of enlightened High Court appointments.

Timely meeting

THE Society of Asian Lawyers expects an excellent turnout for its meeting on racial attacks to be held at Gray's Inn (Morrison Hall) tonight. Lawyers, police, Home Office officials and others concerned with dealing with such attacks are expected to attend. Speakers include MPs Joan Ruddock and Peter Lloyd.

Vocal campaign

A CAMPAIGN to extend legal aid to representation at inquests will be launched at a fringe meeting at the Law Society conference at the end of October.

The campaign, "Victims without a voice", aims to obtain legal aid for inquests involving institutional deaths, deaths at work, those involving medical negligence and corporate responsibility.

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Lawyers outside central London feel their worth has not been appreciated, says **Michael Hackett**

Daylight robbery in the City

A pre-eminent solicitor was recently quoted in the legal press as saying that the City was still the home of "our brightest and best" solicitors. The speaker was not a City solicitor. The promulgation of this type of nonsense is not only offensive to most lawyers — who do not work in the City — but it also does a profound disservice to the whole legal profession and members of society who pay, I believe unnecessarily, those City solicitors' astonishingly high fees.

It comes down to whether there is any link between the geographical location of a firm of solicitors and the service it provides. In October 1992, Yve Newbold, the company secretary of Hanson, the big international conglomerate, attacked "unrealistic" commercial law firms for their failure to reduce charge rates during the recession. She said that London-based companies were turning to cheaper provincial firms to provide external legal services.

> Some clients fall for the plush offices and fancy notepaper

Obviously, solicitors' fees in the City, the West End of London and in city centres up and down the country are influenced by their proportionately higher overheads. This has been accepted as a fact of life; it may not be so in the future.

Why do clients opt for centrally located firms in a recessionary time? I have heard clients say they prefer to instruct a central London practice; they will pay a little more to enjoy the supposed benefits. They believe these to be, first, that the opposing party will be impressed by a grand, centrally located address and, conversely, if they instruct a provincial firm, their opponent's City lawyers will "walk all over them" and the opponent will hoot with derision at their choice of solicitors. Second, they believe they will get a better, more efficient service.

Viewed obectively, these so-called benefits are based mainly on the principle of the emperor's new clothes. Just as the snobbish consumer will pay over the odds for designer goods, a company director or private individual will shell out exorbitant solicitors' fees because he likes the location, plush offices and fancy notepaper.

But there are now signs that solicitors' clients are voting with their feet and withdrawing instructions from the big central firms and, instead, giving their valuable custom to the smaller provincial firms. Where, though, are the "brightest and best" solicitors? We all know that the law is administered by mere mortals and that quality of advice and assistance given to clients vary wildly even within the smallest partnership. I do not believe in a "high quality firm" except perhaps where there are only two or three partners and it may therefore be easier to maintain the highest standards. In a bigger firm will be found both the more and the less able, the efficient and the chaotic.

I accept that it is reasonable for a client to instruct one particular solicitor (as a member of a firm) and pay the going rate for him or her, particularly where a specialist is required. But in practice, law firms often vary this arrangement: the specialist partner may take the instructions but delegate the day-to-day conduct of the matter to a non-specialist assistant who may be learning on the job. Before the client knows it, the matter has been delegated to a further assistant and the client ends up paying the high rates but with advice and assistance from someone quite different from the person first chosen.

The bigger the firm, the more potential for differences of ability and, equally, the greater the opportunity for the lazy and inefficient solicitor to hide unnoticed. In a big firm there is every danger of a general levelling of talent and enthusiasm, so the energies of the "brightest and best" are eroded to the level of the ordinary by their experience of the slough of committees, memoranda, frustrated ambition and imbalance of fees found in the larger practice.



Yve Newbold criticised "unrealistic" commercial law firms

Statistics show that more and more clients are becoming alive to the good sense of saving money by instructing the smaller, more cost-efficient provincial firms.

Those firms are often constituted anyway of former City or West End lawyers who have chosen to work in more pleasant surroundings where their services can be provided at perhaps a third of the cost charged in the City.

Common sense dictates that where a client can instruct the same solicitor for £125 an hour in the country as opposed to £400 an hour in an office in Eastcheap, he should do so. This is particularly the case when so much legal work is done is done by phone, post and fax.

If a meeting is required, a comfortable boardroom can be hired from any number of hotels and a conference centre if a good impression must be made.

Then there is the argument about provincial firms' lack of resources. For example, in litigation it is said that only the top City firms have the necessary people-power and information technology to conduct major court proceedings efficiently.

I suggest this is largely fallacious. In such a case, the solicitors laugh all the way to the bank on the backs of their surprisingly disingenuous clients.

The truth is that in a large firm, the volume of work required to do justice to a particular job will expand to fit the work-force available.

I have heard of clients attending conferences with leading counsel, junior counsel, a pupil barrister, a senior partner, a junior partner, an assistant solicitor and an articled clerk all in attendance. The justification given is that it is vital that the whole team is *au fait* with the case.

More cynically, it also allows the solicitors to charge four times over: it would be as easy for the junior partner alone to attend and for him or her to report to colleagues the salient features of counsel's advice, just as the client will report to his associates on his return.

I have come across examples of clients being charged a fee well in excess of £5,000 to obtain the advice of a specialist barrister in a conference lasting about two hours. The beauty of instructing the provincial firm is that the same counsel's advice can be sought but the concomitant expense will be only a fraction of that charged by the City practice.

Where the documentation of a particular dispute fills rooms, the smaller practice, far from being overwhelmed, can employ a tailor-made support team where necessary (on short-term contracts if appropriate), as befits the case. Although this may appear cumbersome, it reassures the client that the team is being tailored to the size of the task and not vice versa. The process is akin to that used in other disciplines — for example, in the construction industry.

It is fashionable for commentators to focus on problems of the small provincial firms, with predictions that many may go to the wall. As corporate clients review their legal budgets, in the knowledge that they can obtain identical quality and efficiency of service at a fraction of the price elsewhere, it may well prove to be the larger City-based firms who suffer at the hands of the wholesale exodus.

● *The author is a solicitor with a small firm in St. Albans, Hertfordshire.*

And lo, there were jobs aplenty

Doors are beginning to open again for younger lawyers with some experience

The big surge in legal advertising over the past few weeks is more than just a seasonal release of the log jam of autumn vacancies. Recruitment agencies up and down Britain have been surprised at the volume of jobs but say that it is the culmination of a trend that started about four months ago.

"We definitely noticed a rise in the number of vacancies in the early summer," says Alison Diamond of the northern office of legal recruitment agency, Chambers.

"It then died away as people went off on their holidays, but it has resumed with even greater force since the start of this month."

As ever in the law, however, vacancies are not evenly spread out. The volume of jobs may have increased, but law firms are looking for specific types of people whether in terms of age, experience or specialisation.

Top of the popularity poll now are two-to-four-year qualified solicitors. These were the people who fell victim to the cutbacks a couple of years ago. "Firms need lawyers who can do the fairly junior work but who will not have partnership expectations for some years," Ms Diamond says.

"There are some excellent lawyers on the market," says Alastair Dougall of Quarry Dougall. "What firms are now looking for, however, is more than technical ability. They are favouring those with good personalities and commercial awareness."

The specialisms now in demand are also a sign of the flagging of the recession. At long last there is a marked drop in demand for insolvency lawyers and some specialist debt collectors are even being made redundant. Instead there is a detectable demand for property lawyers — a couple of weeks ago one young property specialist in Manchester had the choice of three jobs. He used the opportunity to ratchet up his salary offer by £5000 — a feat which would have been unthinkable just six months ago.

Other areas which are believed to be doing well include banking and the financial sector. "We feel that the market is gradually improving with banking doing especially well," said Gavin Burgess of Taylor & Root. "I think that the next three months are going to be a period of considerable opportunity."

The demand for young lawyers from industry is also continuing to rise. This has been one of the few positive stories running through the recession and the trend seems set to continue. While some organisations have been dispensing with their legal departments, the broader trend seems to have been a swelling of in-house departments and an appetite to retain more high class work.

Mr Dougall says: "The prejudice against going into industry has now almost disappeared. Some lawyers see it as being positively preferable to private practice, not least in terms of job security."

One reason for this may be disillusionment among younger lawyers at the way some firms have conducted themselves. The notoriously poor management skills of lawyers were cruelly exposed and the selfishness of equity partners revealed.

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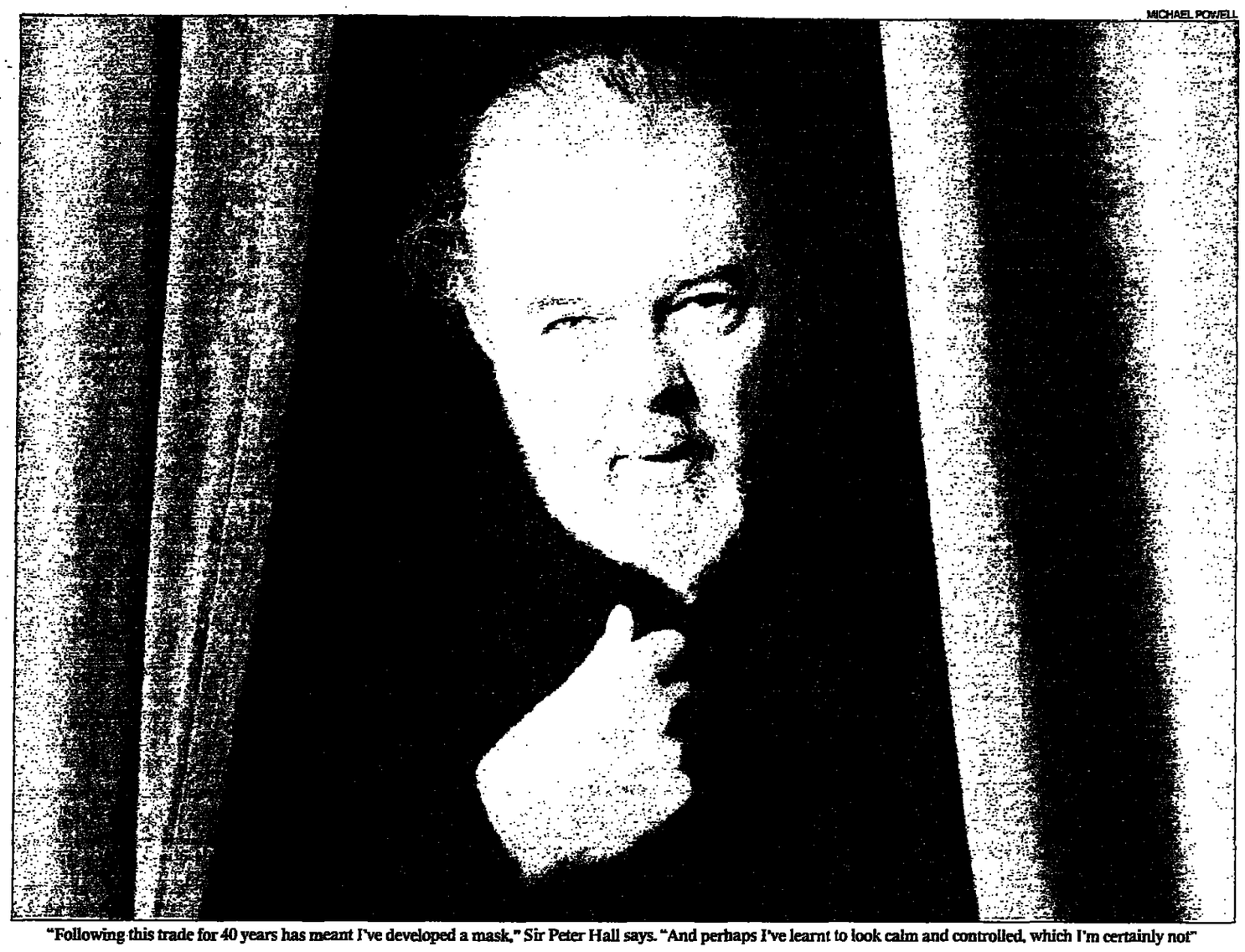
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Denys Arcand's first English language film was among the best at the Toronto Film Festival



The pits and the pendulum

Sir Peter Hall's calm manner conceals self-doubts that brought him close to suicide, he reveals in his autobiography and to Benedict Nightingale



MICHAEL POWELL

"Following this trade for 40 years has meant I've developed a mask," Sir Peter Hall says. "And perhaps I've learnt to look calm and controlled, which I'm certainly not"

His fellow director and old friend, Peter Wood, once said that a crisis put Peter Hall "in an acute state of relaxation". That would not surprise anybody who has worked with Sir Peter or, like me, occasionally chatted to him about matters theatrical. Here is the still centre of a stormy profession: a man who, at the age of 62, continues to exude control, command and smiling confidence. No wonder Hall has made himself uniquely effective. No wonder he has also made himself enemies. The British tend to envy effective people who seem at ease with themselves.

But his demeanour is, and always was, a bit of a mask. His imminent autobiography confirms what the diaries he published ten years ago suggested: heavy-duty acids have often gnawed away at the innards of the theatrical statesman. He never launches himself into any production, he says, "without a terrific feeling of self-doubt". Because of the private and public pressures, he has several times contemplated suicide, and once or twice hung on the very abyss.

"Being a director means you have to be very careful with your work," he says. "I don't believe you should lie, but there are times for telling all the truth and times for selecting and editing what you truthfully feel. Even the greatest actor can be wrecked for days by a stupid director. So, following this trade for 40 years, doing it all day every day, has meant I've developed a mask. And perhaps I've learnt to look calm and controlled, which I'm certainly not."

Suicidal feelings first hit him at the age of eight, when his parents moved to Cambridge from his native Suffolk and he was mocked and bullied at school. They recurred as recently as 1988, when his marriage to the opera singer Maria Ewing was coming to an end. "One realised one's doctor was correctly anxious to wonder if one should be given quite so many sleeping pills," he delicately says.

But, ironically enough, they seem to have been at their most self-destructive on the brink of a key triumph, the production of Shakespeare's *Wars of the Roses* sequence that in 1962 established the Royal Shakespeare Company as a vital force.

"It was a really dreadful time, one of depression and overtiredness and anxiety and fear. The RSC had started like a rocket two years before, and in the second year we didn't quite sustain it. Money was short, the National Theatre was opening, we were threatened with being driven out of London and, if the *Wars of the Roses* had failed, that would have been the end of the RSC. And my marriage [to Leslie Caron] was on the rocks. Everywhere I looked, it seemed terrible."

> 'From the age of eight I was conscious I was different and would escape'

A doctor suggested electric-shock treatment, and his friend and colleague Peggy Ashcroft urged him to undergo it, but in the end he himself fought off the headaches and weeping fits.

Hall suspects this may have come from his mother's family: "There was a very, very deep-seated manic melancholy there." Certainly, he recognises that his upbringing created divisions inside him. The family was poor and in some ways repressed and puritanical. His mother, he says, was ambitious, frustrated and "in a state of permanent fury" at his father, a railwayman whom Hall affectionately remembers as wise, kind, "and the least ambitious man I ever met". But they both wanted the best for their only son, and sacrificed themselves to ensure he got it.

"They were uneducated. I never saw either of them read a book in their lives, yet they had this extraordinary belief that education was the way forward. I was always allowed to read instead of doing the washing-up, provided it was something serious, not *The Beano*. They would always give up *Old Mother Riley* if I wanted to listen to a symphony concert. They saved to give me piano lessons, they scraped together the money if I wanted to see a play. They encouraged me to be different and escape, and from the age of eight I was conscious I was different and would escape."

So he spectacularly did, but maybe at a personal cost: "The further I got in escaping, the bigger the gulf there was between my parents and me, and that was horrible and took me many years to sort out." Nor was the Cambridge of the early 1950s calculated to rid him of the crippling feelings of solitude and oddity he then felt. "When I went up, I really didn't know who I was. I didn't have enough money and I had a chronic lack of confidence. I was the scholarship boy mixing with the Old Etonians."

He wryly wonders if it was altogether accidental that he, so to speak, escaped into escape or, as he calls it, "the making of fantasies and shared dreams". He knew from the age of 14 he wanted to be a director, decided two years later he must run the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, and was doing so before he was 30. He went on to create the RSC, establish the National Theatre on the South Bank at the trickiest of times, introduce Beckett to the English-speaking world, and foster the careers of myriad writers and actors. Indeed, he is one of the two or three most important figures the British theatre has produced this century, and it is shocking that he has yet to be given the peerage that would let him promote its interests from the House of Lords.

One reason it has been withheld is, no doubt, his continuing belief that an inadequately subsidised theatre will eventually dwindle into a British Broadway. Certainly, he has it on good authority that his attacks on what he saw as government parsimony irked Mrs Thatcher enough for her to ask her arts minister, "when can we stop giving money to awful people like Peter Hall?". But it is hard to direct the slur "welfare state mentality", as Richard Luce did, at a man who this autumn has brought or is bringing no fewer than four productions to the West End, as well as one to the Barbican.

Separate Tables, *Lysistrata*, *She Stoops to Conquer*, Pam Gems's *Piaf*, *All's Well That Ends Well* . . . the flow will presumably go on as long as he can avoid what he ruefully calls "the only blot on my landscape", namely death. After all the "kicks and difficulties and abuses and bad times", this is, he says, a happy period for him. In his fourth marriage, to Nicky Frei, he feels he has at long last made a relationship that will not atrophy.

What's more, he has lost none of his belief in the power of the theatre to transform those watching and exhilarate those making it: "Fancy being paid to spend months in the head of a genius like Shakespeare! Also, putting on a play can be a Utopian experience in that you create a little society, an egalitarian, democratic ensemble in which the greatest of stars is dependent on the third messenger to give him the right cue.

"And when that's really working there are usually a couple of days that are electric. You are better than you know you are, all the actors are better than they knew they were, the creativity is sparking. Every time I go off to rehearsal, I hope it will be one of those days — and sometimes it is."

● *Benedict Nightingale and Sir Peter will be in discussion at the Lyttelton Theatre on November 1. If you would like to attend, please complete the coupon at the foot of the page*

● *Sir Peter's autobiography*, Making an Exhibition of Myself, *is published by Sinclair Stevenson next Monday (£20)*

Inchbold, Inchbold, measuring the marigolds

VISUAL ARTS: John Russell Taylor on a maverick who bent the rules of the Pre-Raphaelites

Somehow, the Pre-Raphaelites are known for their attention to the minutest detail of the world around them, but that seldom gets them thought of as landscape artists. Few of the pictures in the Tate Gallery's Pre-Raphaelite exhibition nine years ago were pure landscapes, and only one was by John William Inchbold.

Inchbold was a Leeds man, born there in 1830 and dying there in 1888. So it is appropriate that the first one-man show he has ever had should be in Leeds. Even in his lifetime Inchbold had nooutstanding success, although he came to know some of the right people very well. Probably it had something to do with his abrasive personality, which inspired Dante Gabriel Rossetti to remark to Ford Madox Brown: "Inchbold is less a bore than a curse."

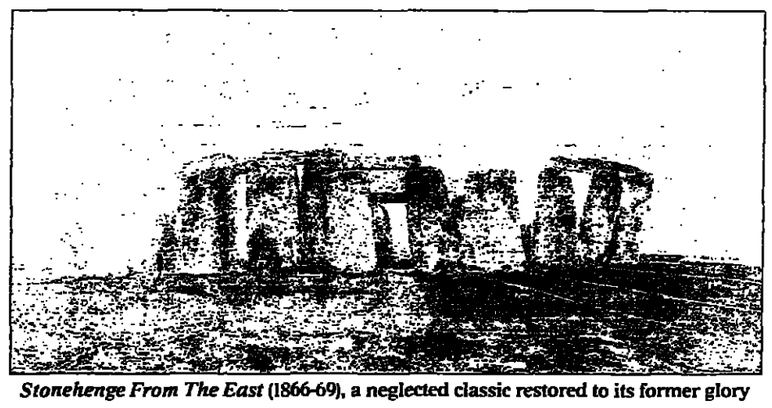
All the same, he must have had some admirable qualities, or he could hardly have remained friendly with Ruskin even after he had ceased to be Ruskin's unquestioning disciple, or with Swinburne for 26 years. Even if they tended to find him personally tiresome, the major Pre-Raphaelites continued to admire and support his painting, regarding him as one of them.

Inchbold's family ran a thriving stationery, printing and art-publishing business in Leeds, and he first came to London to learn lithography. But his teacher, Louis Hague, seems to have encouraged him to strike out as a painter. By 1852 he was showing work at the Royal Academy sufficiently out of the common rut of landscape at that time to attract the attention of the critic William Michael Rossetti, and by 1854 he had become intimate with Rossetti's brother Dante Gabriel, Millais and others of the Pre-Raphaelite circle. He also got to know Ruskin, who saw him as possibly the ideal apostle of his own ideas about landscape.

Looking at the paintings on show in Leeds it is easy to understand these connections, and also why they tended to cool. Inchbold was a Pre-Raphaelite and Ruskinian in the sense that he had an almost obsessive concern with the minutiae of the world around him. On the other hand, he seems to be not at all concerned with symbolic overtones. A primrose by a river's brim a yellow primrose was to him — and nothing more.

Inchbold went on several painting trips to the Alps, sometimes with Ruskin at his elbow, at first approving and then increasingly disapproving of what he did. Ruskin wanted a painting at once transcendental and minutely interested in scientific accuracy. Although Inchbold could paint as minutely as any Pre-Raphaelite, his transcendentalism was of a different order from Ruskin's: he was fascinated by light and the way it fell on objects rather than by the objects themselves.

Perhaps the peak of his achievement was reached in England, in his rocky Cornish seascapes and in the two amazing images of Stonehenge. The larger of the Stonehenge paintings was rejected out of hand by the Academy in 1869. Eventually it ended up with the Society of Antiquaries, and has not been seen in public for many years. It has been cleaned and restored for the Leeds show, where it dominates the main room, with its fantastic, bloody sunset glimpsed through the brooding stones.



Stonehenge From The East (1866-69), a neglected classic restored to its former glory

● John William Inchbold: Pre-Raphaelite Landscape Artist *is at the City Art Gallery, Leeds (0532 478248) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm (Wednesday to 8pm), Sat 10am-4pm, until October 23*

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The series ran for nearly nine years from 1960, during which time the bowler-hatted Steed (Patrick Macnee) had three different female foils: Honor Blackman, Diana Rigg and Linda Thorson. There are as yet no announced plans to issue on video the mid-1970s follow-up, *The New Avengers*, with Joanna Lumley.

● COMPOSER and BBC broadcaster Michael Berkeley is to take on another new role: that of festival director. In 1995 he will succeed Sir John Manduell as the programme director of the Cheltenham Festival of Music. By then Manduell will have led the festival for 25 of its 50 years' existence.

Last chance . . .

EVEN those not particularly interested in the technicalities of medieval warfare can take comfort from "Knyghthode and Batayle", in the British Library exhibition galleries (071-323 7111). Though its purpose is apparently to illustrate warfare, the illuminations are often so ravishing that one can take or leave the subject matter. Until Sunday.

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

THERESE RAQUIN: Julia Bardsley begins the new regime here with her own version of Zola's sexual thriller. Water drips everywhere as the sign of guilt and grim revenge.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071 928 6363). Opens tonight, 7.30pm

GLYNDEBOURNE TOURING OPERA: The company's 25th anniversary celebrations continue with Peter Hall's reliable 1977 production of **Don Giovanni**. Simon Keenlyside makes his GTO debut as Mozart's unashamed seducer. French conductor Louis Langrée makes his UK debut.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), 7.30pm

VIVARTA: The festival of contemporary south-Asian dance opens with the London premiere of Kadamb, a new programme choreographed by Kumudini Lakhia, who has revolutionised the world of Kathak dance.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Yuri Temirkanov conducts the RPO in a programme of Gareth Wood (Fanfare for a New Beginning), Wagner (Prelude to Die Meistersinger); Mahler (Rückert Lieder) and Shostakovich (Symphony No 10). Soloist is Ann Murray.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

LEICESTER: The Destiny of Me is Larry Kramer's award-winning sequel to one of the first Aids plays, *The Normal Heart*. Simon Callow directs and stars as the hero recalling his gay Jewish childhood.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0533-539797). Opens tonight, 7.30 pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: The season opens with Bernard Slade's **Same Time, Next Year**, a comedy about a couple, apparently happily married (but not to each other), who for 25 years have spent one night a year together. Stars Gemma Craven and Christopher Blake.
Nuffield, University Road (0703 671771), 7.30pm, then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

MANCHESTER: The BBC **Philharmonic** under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs a programme of Debussy, Mozart and Stravinsky. Also included is the first performance of a BBC commission for the orchestra: David Matthews' *A Vision and a Journey*. The concert is preceded by a talk at 6.30pm.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road (061-273 4504), 7.30pm

EDINBURGH: Phoebe Anne Traquair is not exactly a household name, but she was one of the most able and distinctive Scottish exponents of the Art Nouveau/Arts and Crafts range of styles and media. Relatively neglected she painted, embroidered and illuminated manuscripts, and worked in mural, enamel and metal. This exhibition is a small revelation.
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street, (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm.

BIRMINGHAM: The Bolshoi Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alexander Lazarev visits tonight and tomorrow. On the programme tonight is Wagner, Rachmaninov and Strauss's epic *Also sprach Zarathustra*. Soloist on the piano is the conductor's young daughter, Tania.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street, (021-212 3333). 8pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **ARCADIA:** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form. Starring Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today-Thu, 7.30pm; Mat Tue, Thu, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◪ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and beautifully set Rodgers and Hammerstein musical with the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit. Set in the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

5 **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged version of Gershwin's *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. +

☐ **A GOING CONCERN:** A likeable comedy of struggles between the generations in a family firm making billiard-tables.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722-9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival with catchy tunes.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **HAIR:** A pleasantish stroll through the Age of Aquarius. Michael Bogdanov directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Fri, Sat, 4pm. 180mins.

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

☐ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex. Peter Hall's vigorously phallic production.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thu, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **MOONLIGHT:** A man on his death-bed rages against the dying of the light in Pinter's fascinating new play. Starring Ian Holm and Anna Massey.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. 80mins

☐ **THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS:** Sian Thomas, Desmond Barrit in Pirandello's last play, completed by Charles Wood. A real must for fans.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; mat Thurs, 2.30pm.

☐ ***MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:*** *A production proving to be funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised one.*
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

☐ **THE ODYSSEY:** Ron Cook plays the traveller in Derek Walcott's mighty version of the old epic. Thrilling sound and spectacle.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mats *Thurs and Sat, 2pm. 180mins.*

☐ **THE SEAGULL:** Paul Shelley's attractive production of Chekov in a translation by Michael Frayn.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081 940 3633) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat 4pm. 180mins.

☐ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles and Patricia Hodge are in top form in Peter Hall's welcome revival.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, *3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins.*

☐ **A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT:** A wretched look at 1960s youl
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■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD:** A triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd Webber's latest success.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ACCION MUTANTE (18): Disabled terrorists kidnap bread tycoon heiress. Largely lamentable Spanish spoof, directed by Alex de la Iglesia.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

THE BABY OF MACON (18): Seventeenth-century actors perform a play about a miraculous birth. Oppressive, infuriating Peter Greenaway extravaganza.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636)

THE CRUSH (15): Psychopathic Lolita ensnares naive reporter. Good-looking but redundant potboiler, with Cary Elwes, Alicia Silverstone. Director, Alan Shapiro.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Odeon West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

DAUGHTERS OF THE DUST: An exploration of an African-American island community. Striking first feature for Julie Dash.
ICA (071-930 3647)

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT (18): Tina Turner's life story. Powerful acting from Angela Bassett and Laurence Fishburne redeem the cliches. Director, Brian Gibson.
Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) **Odeon West End** (0426 915574) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

APRES L'AMOUR (15). French love tangles, carefully unravelled by director Diane Kurys. Starring Isabelle Huppert, Hypolite Girardot, Bernard Giraudeau.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865)

◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful *dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny* Harlin directed.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683)

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG): Welcome revival of Marcel Carné and Jacques Prévert's classic. A triumphant blend of 19th-century stage history, fantasy and romance. With Arletty, Jean-Louis Barrault, Pierre Brasseur.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ **THE FIRM** (15): Tom Cruise discovers his law firm fronts for the Mafia. Star power galore, but little meat. With Gene Hackman, Ed Harris. Sydney Pollack directs.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **IN THE LINE OF FIRE** (15). Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Wolfgang Petersen directs.
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◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE LIE (15): Refreshing, straightforward French drama about facing up to Aids. Francois Margolin directs Nathalie Baye and Didier Sandre.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

◆ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** (PG): Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh, with rollicking actors, clearly-spoken verse, but little film finesse. Emma Thompson, Denzel Washington, Michael Keaton.
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◆ **PASSION FISH** (15). Crippled soap star and her secretive nurse undergo rehabilitation. Enjoyable, loving, leisurely film from John Sayles. With Mary McDonnell, Alfre Woodard.
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TELEVISION REVIEW: **Joe Joseph**

Bearing the wrong colours

Will To Win
BBC 2

THOSE of you whose idea of sporting controversy spins on whether Paul Gascoigne is bright enough to burp and head a ball at the same time will learn this week just how political sport can get, when the Olympics' mandarins decide whether China should pip Sydney and Manchester to host the "2000 Games". Last night's *Will To Win*, a well-made new series on the triumphs of black athletes, reminded us just how political the Olympic Games have been in the past, from Hitler's Berlin Games to anti-South African boycotts and Tommie Smith's Black Power salute.

Of course, what is controversial is not that black sportsmen do well, but that they often get little thanks from jingoistic countrymen who lay joint claim to their successes. The four golds Jesse Owens won against Hitler's finest in the 1936 Olympics may well have been hailed as the free world's triumph against fascism, but when he returned to America Owens was still a second-class citizen, reduced to racing against horses, like a freak show act, to pay the rent.

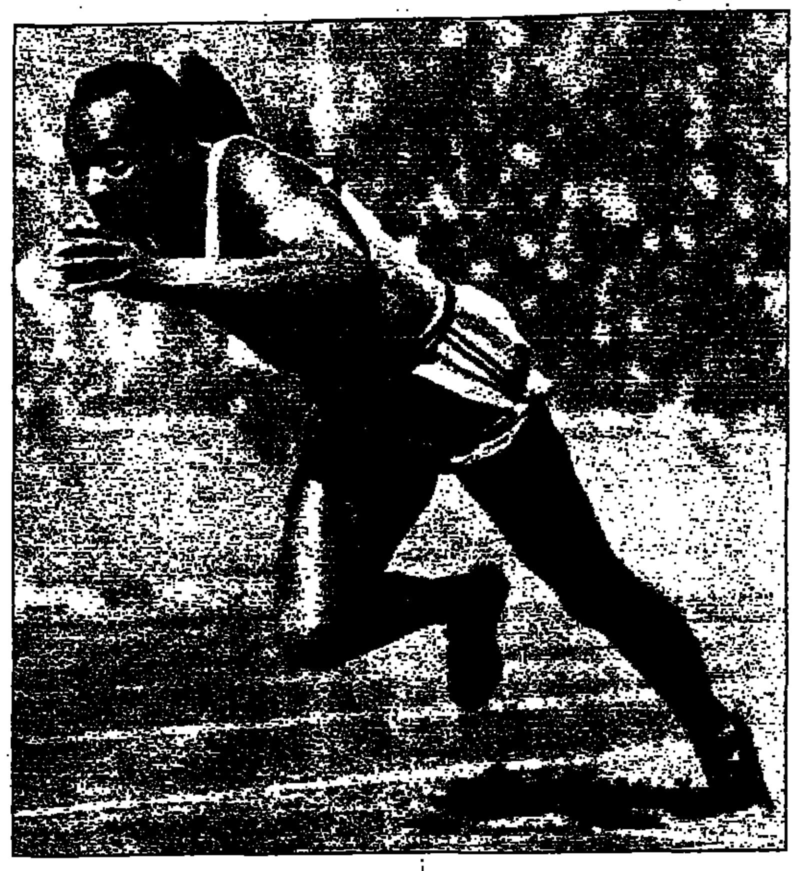
When Joe Louis visited the White House just before his world heavyweight championship victory over Germany's Max Schmelling, Roosevelt told him: "These are the muscles that are going to defeat Nazism in this world." The muscles did their bit, but when Louis broke off his boxing career in 1942 to serve in the war, he was shunted off to a segregated army unit with other blacks.

"Joe Louis," says his son now, "was the person who would beat up on white America and get away with it." But he didn't actually get away very far. When *Cassius Clay brought home an Olympic* boxing gold years later, in 1960, he threw away his medal in disgust when waiters in a white restaurant refused to serve him. Anyone who thinks the world has changed from those dark days might wonder what Britain's hero Linford Christie was thinking when the British National Party won its first council seat in an east London election last week.

Clay, of course, got both mad *and* even by becoming a militant Muslim, changing his name to Muhammad Ali and refusing the draft, claiming "the real enemies of my people are here, not in Vietnam." For his cheek he was stripped of his world titles and banned from boxing.

Still, many black sportsmen found Ali's stand inspirational. "The athletic counterpart of Malcolm X," said one, "showing the way down the road that the rest of us then felt obligated to travel."

Tommie Smith travelled on it. The black-gloved fist with which he greeted his 200-metres victory on the Olympic podium in 1968 became an icon of the Sixties. Smith says now: "This was a picture of strength: I was running for dignity, for equality, for posterity." It was the first time black athletes had made such a political gesture on the world stage. But to what end? It became tricky to decide whether the programme was underlining just how political sport has become, or just how limited sport is as a political weapon: Tommie Smith was and remains ostracised by America's athletic establishment; and just ask the angry blacks who rioted in Los Angeles last year what Ali achieved for *them*.



Four-times gold medal winner Jesse Owens at the Olympic Games in Berlin, 1936: back in America, he was still a second-class citizen

THEATRE: Snippets of music-hall nostalgia in Basingstoke; fumbled forgery in Plymouth

Cheeky but also chaste?

The Cheeky Chappie
Haymarket, Basingstoke

GENEROUSLY funded by the local council, to the tune of £2.5 million, the old Haymarket theatre has been dramatically refurbished to make the front of house areas more logical, the stage three metres deeper and nine metres wider. The height seems un*changed, giving the opening the di*mensions of a Cinerama screen, but the picture-frame proscenium arch provides a traditional look.

This visual reminder of theatre's gilded past suits the subject of the first show in the new premises: Max Miller, star of the music-hall before and after the second world war and famously banned by the BBC for telling a blue joke (re-told here) at a live performance. You might think that a man whose every joke was about sex, getting it or not getting it, would enjoy a jolly life offstage, trying out new gags on Mrs M or bouncing from one raunchy mistress to another.

Not so. Indeed, far otherwise. Kathleen Miller had been a sweet-voiced singer he met during the first world war, a west country girl of stifling propriety who soon revealed her distaste of the sexual act. Nor would she allow any reference to such matters in the home and, if Dave Simpson's account of their marriage is to be believed, Miller acquiesced in this weird prohibition. She reminded him of his saintly mother, whom he adored, and when he did start up an all-but-adulterous relationship with a more congenial woman during the Blitz he confessed that he had not made love to his wife, or to anyone, since the General Strike. Simpson leaves us to suppose he couldn't manage it with the nice Ann Graham, either.

Well, as Max would have said, "ere's *a funny thing," and the connection* between a punishingly chaste home life and his marvellously outrageous stage performance would have been worth examining. Simpson just makes us aware of the contradiction and leaves it at that. He presents his hero's life in a sequence of short scenes separated by dance and song routines performed by *a quartet of straw-hatted music-hall* artistes. During the first of these a singer breaks off from carolling "Happy Days Are Here Again" to read Mrs Miller (Pamela Power) her husband's will, in which he leaves a sizable chunk of his fortune to the companion she had no knowledge of. From this point we go back to the first world war and pick up his life from there.

The tale is altogether too snippety, best (in this production by Adrian Reynolds) when Simpson creates meetings between Max and Ann Graham (a likable portrayal of confident devotion from Helen Fraser). The intervening songs sometimes comment on Max's life — "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie" — but not always, and there are only so many times we need a recap of "Happy Days". But when Kenneth MacDonald's Max is telling jokes the show is good fun. His broadly grinning Conference pear of a head bears a fair resemblance to the Cheeky Chappie's own, and is engaging in its own right. The patter, the posture, the panache are there, and the jokes are splendid. ("Eve was so jealous that every time Adam came home she counted his ribs.") But this portrait of an enigma leaves us little wiser.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Not such a good likeness

Master Forger
Theatre Royal, Plymouth

PLYMOUTH's Theatre Royal is housing an exhibition of Tom Keating's paintings to accompany Hugh Janes's new play which seems at first to be based on Keating's Old Bailey trial in 1976. That trial was sparked off by Keating's letter to *The Times* admitting *he was responsible for the Samuel* Palmer drawings, the authenticity of which had been questioned by the *Times* correspondent Geraldine Norman. Keating went on to have his own Channel 4 series. Now his imitations of Van Gogh, Degas and others are on sale in Plymouth and causing confusion. "Are they really by him?" someone asked, *staring* at a small ugly gouache. At £28,000 it had better be.

In the main house, there is an imitation Tom Keating. Roy Marsden has grown a beard of the Keating school, recaptures the artist's combination of an informal spirit in a slightly stiff body, and reproduces the earthy gruffness of his voice. However, he *misses* Keating's trademarks: "breathiness and a blocked up nose".

But then, some way into the action this Keating-character starts being called Ben Foley. When the subject is a master forger, a portrait based only loosely on the original is a trifle disappointing. Still, Janes is Keating-esque in leaving one uncertain what is authentic, exactly which elements are biographical.

Janes's piece plays down Keating's assertion that his forgeries were acts of vengeance on the Establishment. Inversely, Keating did suggest that the Old Masters guided his hand, but Foley seems insanely driven by this idea. Possessed by the spirit of Caravaggio, he spends weeks mistreating his young lover, Lizzie. Elsewhere *acting like a way-too-late Romantic,* Foley melodramatically clutches Turner's ghost by the lapels and cries: "Teach me."

Too often, Foley merely catalogues stories about famous artists and utters axioms about authenticity. Janes does raise questions about the value judgements of the modern art world, but his *play can resemble an anecdotal art* history lecture.

Martyn Bainbridge's design is visually strong, its gold-framed cyclorama changing from a Magritte blue sky to a stormy Turner. However, this production, directed by Roger Redfarn, would be better in a studio space and Bainbridge's revolve merely rotates Foley's artistically messy room. The single set obliges the judge (the amusingly toothless John Woodnutt) to act High Court scenes amid paint pots.

Jackie Smith-Wood is suitably starchy as the barrister but, doubling as the more downmarket Lizzie, keeps going accidentally classy. The other characters (appearing in flashbacks of the artist's life) are *cartoons:* caricatures or sketchy pictures awaiting completion. The tales of the Old Masters' dodgy dealings are entertaining and the information on how to acquire antique finishes is intriguing. Let us hope audience members are not tempted to go and plunge their new cameo brooches down turkey's throats to give *the* jewellery *the authentic* distressed look.

All the same, the dialogue is false and a pastiche of parts does not a masterpiece make.

KATE BASSETT

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Adapt or die in the attempt

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** reports on the Toronto Film Festival, at which some fashionable directors failed to impress

There was consternation at the Toronto Film Festival when Gus Van Sant's **Even Cowgirls Get the Blues** appeared before the critics. Some gnashed their teeth, others threw up their hands. One cried out, "There is no Santa Claus!" How could any film by one of the most fashionable of independent moviemakers ever be boring? Film festivals can have as many thrills and spills as a racetrack grand prix that is part of their excitement.

Van Sant's spill at Toronto's eighteenth cinema bonanza, which ended on Saturday, was at least understandable. He had chosen to adapt a crazy cult novel, by Tom Robbins, so packed with jack-in-the-box digressions and nonsense as to make a film version as viable a project as *Tristram Shandy: The Movie*. He then carved every syllable of dialogue from the book.

The result is weighed down with words and ponderous transcriptions of the author's fancies. Here is Uma Thurman as the world's best hitchhiker, with outsized thumbs. Here is John Hurt, as "perverse as a pink pickle", we are told, lording it over a ranch of rebellious lesbian cowgirls. Individual images amuse, but Van Sant never fuses the carnival of oddities into a film that moves and excites.

> 'A clutch of entries used contemporary literature as launch pads'

A clutch of high-flying entries used contemporary literature as launch pads. David Cronenberg opened the festival with the world premiere of his *M. Butterfly* adaptation. Wayne Wang took charge of Amy Tan's best-selling novel *The Joy Luck Club*. French Canadian Denys Arcand made his English-language debut adapting Brad Fraser's play *Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love*. Britain piped up with David Hare's *The Secret Rapture*, directed by Howard Davies, as at the National Theatre in 1989.

Toronto awards no jury prizes, though if one were given for the best adaptation, Arcand would deserve to win for **Love and Human Remains** (the film's telescoped title). Whatever the qualities of Fraser's play, this multi-layered piece about a network of young friends searching for relationships is custom-built for cinema. It also proves ideal for Denys Arcand, a master manipulator of ensemble casts with an admirable grasp of contemporary life's texture. Arcand's grasp, indeed, is almost too perfect: the film is so tightly controlled that you wish the characters (excellently delineated by an unknown cast) had more space to breathe. It might also help if the plot's serial killer was removed: the sexual diversions in Arcand's film are stimulating enough not to need lurid window-dressing.

A touch of gore, however, might be just what **M. Butterfly** needs. Here was another major festival spill. Visually, Cronenberg's adaptation of David Henry Hwang's play about a French diplomat's infatuation with a seemingly female Peking opera star is smooth as silk. This is part of the trouble, for we gaze at the beauties of lighting and decor when we should be penetrating the story's mysteries.

The performers do not always help: Jeremy Irons displays too much British reserve to convince as a Frenchman gripped by *amour fou*, while John Lone, as the diva, never shakes off the aura of a man in drag. Hwang's material needs audiences to be under the spell of a theatrical illusion; cinema's camera simply probes too closely for any such spell to have a chance of working.

But at least those who yearned for Cronenberg's old black magic had a consolation prize. The Royal Ontario Museum is currently exhibiting "The Strange Objects of David Cronenberg's Desires", a show dominated by the sex blob, mugwump and insect typewriter props used in his film *Naked Lunch*. "Patrons enter at their own risk," a warning note declared. Most patrons I saw looked astonished and queasy, but stopped short of fainting.

Patrons entered **The Joy Luck Club** at their own risk too, though the danger here lay in having your emotions shamelessly manipulated and getting your fingers sticky with syrup. Many hardened critics contracted the sniffles during these interlocked stories of female sacrifice among generations of Chinese-Americans. Your own scribe admired moments and gestures, but sighed with exasperation at the real life and pain being swept under the carpet.

The Secret Rapture caused exasperation of a different sort, partly because of the festival's timetable. The screening arrived after American films with such loud ethnic colours that you could probably spot them from the moon: there was Robert De Niro's engaging *A Bronx Tale*, and *Household Saints*, Nancy Savoca's dishevelled but interesting comic fable about marriage and faith in New York's Little Italy. Then, suddenly, rain, greyness, clipped voices, characters crippled by emotional constipation. Suddenly, British cinema looked very small and poky.

After David Hare's parochial psychodrama, what joy it was to jump into films so purely cinematic that they scarcely relied on words at all. Chantal Akerman's wonderful if overlong **From the East** takes the willing spectator on an extraordinary journey through Poland and Russia, capturing citizens' faces in long travelling shots as they harvest potatoes, trudge through the snow, huddle in railway stations, or queue for God knows what in the endless grey light. No commentary explains or interprets: we are left alone to savour the rich human tapestry and the camera's poetry in motion.

Bertrand Blier's **Un Deux Trois Soleil** was another film which for all its irritations could only exist on celluloid. Blier thumbs his nose at morality, the laws of drama, time and space as Anouk Grinberg, his current muse, grows before our eyes from child, to teenager, wife and mother in Marseilles. At one public screening, two spectators took vociferous offence to a scene that suggests a child rape; a better grouse would be over Blier's habit of frittering away his gifts on show-off extravaganzas.

As usual, the festival cast its net wide, scooping up 300 films ranging from bewildering experiments from the rubble of the Soviet Union to silly American products such as **The Making of "And God Spoke"**, a spoof documentary on the lines of *This Is Spinal Tap*. Nor was the home country forgotten: in a country where Canadian films count for 3 per cent of the commercial repertoire, the festival provides a valuable chance to gauge the health of the local industry.

Aside from *Love and Human Remains*, several Canadian films got people talking. David Wellington's **I Love a Man in Uniform**, already hailed at Cannes, drew an incisive portrait of a television cop who blurs the line between acting and real life. John Greyson's **Zero Patience**, rather less successful, used musical numbers and camp humour to punch home myths and truths about the Aids epidemic.

But neither of these could match **Thirty-Two Short Films about Glenn Gould**, one of the festival's undisputed thrills — a brilliantly conceived portrait of the eccentric piano genius who abruptly abandoned public performances in 1964 to devote himself to recordings. Taking his cue from Bach's 32 Goldberg Variations, director François Girard presents self-contained segments that rehearse key career moments and illuminate Gould's many facets: Gould the perfectionist, the recluse, the stockmarket dabbler, Gould the hoarder of prescription drugs.

A few talking heads reminisce, but the main thrust is carried, magnificently, by actor Colm Feore, bringing the pianist back to life while Gould's recordings work their wonders on the soundtrack. This could easily have been just another music documentary, but the film's clarity, passion and imagination create one of cinema's most absorbing portraits of an obsessed artist at work.



Thomas Gibson (left) and Cameron Bancroft in Denys Arcand's *Love and Human Remains*

CONCERT REVIEWS

Faltering steps before a flight

Philharmonia/ Sinopoli
Festival Hall

THE stresses and uncertainties of orchestral life on the South Bank seem to be taking their toll. No sooner do we have news of Franz Welser-Möst's appendix than Giuseppe Sinopoli hobbles on the Festival Hall platform, one foot discreetly bound up, and delivers a limping performance of Bruckner's Fourth Symphony.

If only one could, with any degree of certainty, report that the painful foot was responsible for the symphony's lumbering gait. Unfortunately, the performance bore all the hallmarks of familiar Sinopoli Bruckner: a fellow composer's obsessive fascination with the making of the work, an uneasy relationship of tempos, and violently opposed blocks of coarse texture and sonority.

The symphony began with a sense of multifarious movement, unified by no dominating pulse. Because every rhythmic unit seemed equally significant, the dancing second idea could not be thrown into adequate relief. It sounded heavy, over-deliberate, as if bewildered as to its purpose in the scheme of things.

A similar unease affected the relationship of the leaden Trio to the Scherzo. Sinopoli seemed anxious to reveal the robust, ruddy-cheeked face of the work on the one hand, and yet was all the time being seduced by the sophistication of its creative processes. The two aspects never found equipoise because Sinopoli never had the measure of the essentially organic nature of the symphony's rhythmic and metrical structure. He, and the Philharmonia whose first concert of the season this was, seemed happier in Wagner: first in a finely-textured Prelude to Act I of *Lohengrin*, and then accompanying Margaret Price in the *Wesendonk Lieder*. This was the high point of the evening. Price is singing at her very best at the moment, and her recreation of the *Tristan*-esque themes and moods of the five poems by Wagner's beloved Mathilde Wesendonk thrilled with both the subtlety of its detail and the power of its overall concept.

The voice soared, high and translucent, with the orchestra's own soloists in the first "Angel" song, tuned in to the numbness of flute and clarinet in the second song's "blissful, sweet oblivion", and rose with the sun in the cycle of night and day, death and rebirth.

HILARY FINCH

Youthful spirit

Skampa Quartet
Wigmore Hall

HAYDN is the true test of any string quartet. You cannot hide in his music. Very few groups as young as the Skampa Quartet of Prague could open a concert with his "Fifths" Quartet, Op 76 No 2, and deliver such a positive, vibrant performance. Sure, there were a few minor problems, if only occasionally, when Pavel Fischer, the first violin, seemed too carried away by the music to worry about such niceties as keeping the intonation spot-on. But the compensations for such involvement were manifold.

For one thing the quartet's quality of sound had a genuine, resonant depth only rarely found. The colours were well varied, worlds away from the American style of steely purity, so that I wondered if they might have been playing on gut strings. Moreover they resisted the temptation to allow the first violin to dominate; even in as blatantly egalitarian a work as this one, many quartets who should know better do otherwise.

The players palpably revelled in Haydn's inventiveness and in his constant play of light and shade within single breaths. Not a phrase went by without having been carefully thought about and placed in context. Even so, the playing remained spontaneous, positive and alive, with the most being made of both the misleadingly entitled Menuetto's darkly assertive two-part counterpoint and the more delicate inventiveness of the slow movement. Despite the weight of the first movement, nothing in this quartet should go for nothing: and it did not.

So, one success could safely be marked on your score sheets. But how would the Skampa cope with Smetana's Second Quartet, a hybrid work written late in the composer's life, when he was suffering severely from the effects of syphilis? It has often ensnared many a more experienced ensemble.

Certainly this late work, problematically lumpy and short-breathed though it can undoubtedly seem, here fitted together easily, fully justifying Schoenberg's championship of its prototypical micro-architecture and expressionistic mood-changes. Again the Skampa made every gesture clear, though without compromising mood or disguising its place of origin. The same was true of Dvořák's "American" Quartet, Op 96, appositely youthful and radiant yet at the same time of mellowed experience.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Constructive proposals for cash

Simon Tait on how the new lottery could help enhance our heritage of fine buildings

Five good causes are to benefit from the proposed National Lottery: the arts, heritage, sport, small charities and the Millennium Fund. They should be sharing between £40 million and £200 million a year by 1996. And because the recommendation, if not the statutory requirement, is that the money should be spent on capital projects, the thread that runs through them all is architecture.

So today, three of the bodies charged with handing out lottery money are meeting for the first time. They will attempt to establish ground rules for making sure the nation's architectural heritage is not compromised by the spending on capital projects.

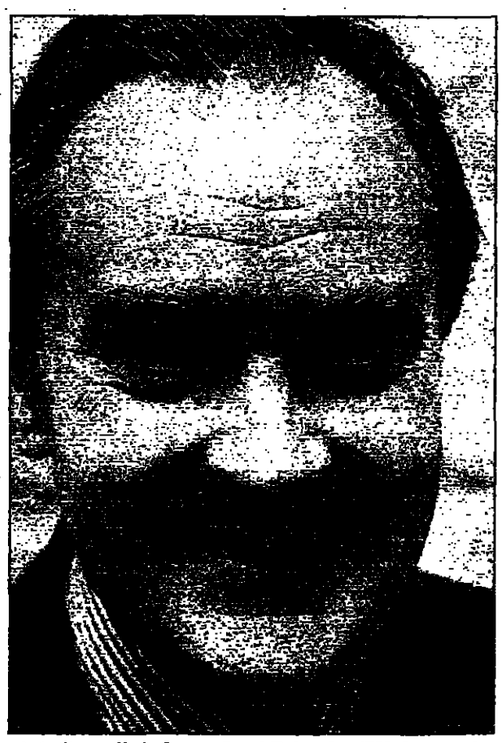
With the Millennium Committee and the small charities' body still to be formed, the Arts Council, the Sports Council and National Heritage Memorial Fund have created a high-powered working party. Their imperative is to avoid such past mistakes as the National Theatre, where no maintenance costs were written in to the funding of the institution until almost 25 years after the project was started, by which time Denys Lasdun's building had already seriously deteriorated.

Institutions hoping for a share of the lottery windfall form a long queue. The Royal Opera House wants £45 million for its development plan; the Tate Gallery wants perhaps £100 million for a new national gallery of modern art; the South Bank Centre wants £50 million for its redevelopment; the South Kensington institutions have commissioned Sir Norman Foster to devise a scheme, for realising Prince Albert's vision of a cohesive cultural centre in the area, which might cost £100 million to realise.

Meanwhile, the British Museum needs £80 million to fill the gaps left on its Bloomsbury estate by the departed British Library. Outside London, scores of projects, including sports stadiums and libraries as well as galleries and opera houses, await the lottery largess.

The committee meeting today includes Jenny Page, the chief executive of English Heritage; Sherban Cantacuzino, secretary of the Royal Fine Art Commission; Frank Duffy, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects; Georgina Naylor, director of the National Heritage Memorial Fund; Colin St John Wilson, architect of the British Library's St Pancras building; Geraint John of the Sports Council; and Richard Burton, the architect whose design won the competition for the National Gallery extension before Prince Charles dismissed the plan as "a carbuncle on the face of a much-loved friend". Also in the working party is Rory Coonan, head of the Arts Council's new architecture department.

"We have to be sure that what we build in the name of the lottery, and particularly in the name of the Millennium, is something we can be proud of," says Lord Palumbo, the Arts Council's chairman. Three months ago he organised a seminar on architecture and the national lottery at which Lord Rothschild, chairman of the NHMF, established the working party's brief. That was "to examine the potential for architectural quality in national lottery projects and to make recommendations to the distributing bodies in relation to an applications procedure, a project quality threshold, access to opportunities in design (competitions), and project monitoring." In other words, says Richard Burton, first class clients and first class designs.



Arts Council chairman Lord Palumbo: "We have to be sure that we build something we can be proud of"

To get the panel's approval, smaller projects (perhaps sponsored by local authorities) will have to avoid the cheap and speedy practice of the "design and build" of structures without architectural planning, while compulsory competitive tendering, which also encourages local authorities to go for the less costly alternative often at the expense of good design, is another worry. So is the threatened deregulation which would mean almost anyone being able to call themselves an architect.

Many local authorities are worried about having revenue to keep the buildings operating once open. Because the Lottery Bill is not explicit on this, the panel will examine the possibility of lottery money being used to create endowments that will provide additional income. But good buildings will not get grants without revenue guarantees.

There might also be joint ventures with the private sector. But, again, the working party would still need to be satisfied that a proposer had a good track record and proven capability of making projects operate efficiently after the architectural work was finished before recommending a lottery grant.

The irony is that the working party's first meeting will be in the British Museum, which is the only great building we owe to a previous scheme of this kind — a national lottery abandoned two centuries ago because its administration was riddled with corruption.

CABARET: **Tony Patrick** reviews a tasteless trio

Witless, or dead funny?

The parameters of acceptably broad as opposed to simply offensive humour are changing all the time, but any definition of good taste that found room for *Dead & Alive*, the latest show by the **Doug Anthony All-stars**, would render the term meaningless. Laddish Australians whose appearances on Channel 4's *Viva Cabaret* and an Edinburgh Fringe season are now followed by a tour which extends into December, the DAA are at the Criterion Theatre for six nights (final three: Thursday, Friday and Saturday).

Tim, Paul and Richie burst onto the stage last Thursday almost incoherent with eagerness to share their songs and comic routines with a nearly full house, in which fellow antipodeans were audibly numerous. The apparent leader is Paul. In an evening which included more expletives than even Eddie Murphy might think necessary, Paul's comments on the exquisite interior of the theatre, "a f***ing pretty room", and compliments to us on being a "f***ing pretty audience", turned to imprecations at our ugliness when the house lights were raised.

So far so amusing, if predictable. But after the uglier members of the crowd were asked to leave, they were invited to "share needles" and not use a condom, so that they might die sooner. Funny? Not many protested.

Neither did many object when Tim's version of "My Boy Lollipop", in which the words were changed to "you make my heart go . . . [mime of the blip on a hospital heart monitor as a steady tone, indicating death]" was described by Paul as "the last song Freddie Mercury ever sang".

To the few who expressed disgust he shouted "Come on, none of you even knew him." So that's all right then.

Paul's appreciation of the theatre's décor was followed by assurances that the fire safety precautions are first-rate, which introduced the subject of the fatal fire at the religious cult headquarters in Texas: cue "Waco Inferno", to the tune of "Disco Inferno". Keeping obsessively to one half of their title, the DAA sprinkled the performance with spoof public-health warnings about MS, heart failure and (giggle) cerebral palsy. Such wags.

Another obsession became apparent: anal sex. Even a mildly amusing attack on the absurdly confessional style of Oprah Winfrey's show included a reference to being sodomised; while Sooty was characterised as a the only children's television performer "regularly fist-f***ed on air". Other popular themes: necrophilia, graphically endorsed; and bestiality, in the song (with mime) "I F*** Dogs".

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Romario revives Brazilian rhythm



ROB HUGHES
Overseas football

WHILE Europe slept on Sunday night, Latin America stirred its football passion to a crescendo. In Rio de Janeiro's Maracaña stadium — a distant but compelling shrine to lovers of the game — a little maestro lifted Brazil from the brink of elimination to qualifying for the 1994 World Cup.

Romario de Souza Faria, known as Romario, was transformed from outcast to hero in 18 minutes of delirium at the end of the final round of qualifying matches against Uruguay. There were 120,000 people, the new "low" capacity in the Maracaña, where four spectators died a year ago, and they were at their wits' end. Uruguay were grinding the match to a deadlock. Enter Romario, 5ft 6in, a lunatic at times but capable of saving any football match.

Give him the night lights, give him a mass audience, and a ball, and then stand back. He had already chipped Siboldi, the Uruguay goalkeeper, and struck the crossbar. But in the 72nd minute, after the keeper had thought a looping centre from Bebeto was going out, Romario sneaked behind him unmarked, leapt to almost double his height and headed the ball down and through the legs of Siboldi.

Pandemonium, but unfinished. Before the final whistle, Romario chased a long ball out of defence. He scampered too fast for two pursuers and, as Siboldi rushed towards him, he pushed the ball past him. Too hard, or too hard for mortals, but Romario caught it and found the net with a cultured, angled flick, just before his pace took him over the advertising boards.

"Romario, Romario, Romario!" chimed Tupi, one of those loopy Latin broadcasters. "The people wanted him, the people were right!"

Amid the ecstasy, Carlos Alberto Parreira, the Brazil manager, had some explaining to do. Why had he disregarded Romario, that most predatory finisher, for eight months? Why had he claimed in the United States, after England's 1-1 draw against Brazil last June, that he had five forwards to choose from and Romario, because of his ill-discipline and tendency to criticise Parreira in the newspapers, was surplus to requirements?

The comparison has to be with Gascoigne, players who are sometimes naughty children in a man's game. Parreira now has Romario to thank for his own job. "It was God who brought him to the Maracaña," he said. "That second goal was a marvel."

Romario, who can be warm and friendly yet also embarrassing, is gifted with a similar low centre of gravity and instinct for scoring to that most prolific German of the Seventies, Gerd Muller.

Yet there are no stereotypes among strikers. If there were, then that other Latin hero, Faustino Asprilla, would be out of the game. He is tall and rangy. His goals took Colombia past Argentina in the qualifiers and, on Sunday, he scored three more for Parma to knock Torino off the top of the Italian league.

These people can charm the ball into a net. Their talent springs from the wild, often from the shanties more than the romance of Copacabana beach. They also grow up in Bolivia, population 6.5 million, where the policy of enticing urchins off the streets, to offer them football instead of potential drug addiction, resulted in their first qualification for the World Cup finals this week.

The nucleus of Bolivia's team comes from a club, an academy in Santa Cruz, called Tahuichi. Its founder, Rolando Aguilera, a former engineer and political exile in Washington, had sought a coach to teach his Americanised sons the game of football.

The coaching lessons attracted the street kids and, from there, the academy Tahuichi travelled the world, winning trophies such as the Gothia Cup in Sweden and a minor four-team tournament played on a public park in Reading, Berkshire.

Aguilera has just progressed to become Bolivian minister of sport. Some of his boys, among them Marcos Echeverry and Irwin "Platini" Sánchez, owe their debt to this man and his hired coach. That coach, Dede, is a Brazilian. Say no more.



Romario: little maestro

Mansell holds court to adoring world

Oliver Holt witnesses scenes of chaos as the tributes pour in for the new king of IndyCar in Nazareth, Pennsylvania



Mansell on Sunday, after claiming victory in the IndyCar series at the first attempt. Photograph: Art Godfrey

A gentle kind of chaos lay around Nigel Mansell's motor home in the hours after his crushing and historic victory here on Sunday as the world beat a path to the door of the first man to win the IndyCar series and the Formula One world championship in successive seasons.

Outside, the crowd straining to catch a glimpse of IndyCar's most famous rookie swelled by the minute. Inside, telephones rang, the lines hot with television stations falling over themselves for interviews, and Mansell rose from his seat so many times to embrace well-wishers from almost every other team but in the end admitted defeat and stayed standing.

"This is so beautiful," he said, his place in the British motor racing hall of fame established beyond doubt. "Men like Stirling Moss, Jackie Stewart, Jim Clark and Graham Hill; they were all my heroes. Now to rewrite history that they are a part of makes me very proud."

Clark and Hill both won the Indianapolis 500, in 1965 and 1966 respectively, something that narrowly eluded Mansell this year. But the 40-year-old Englishman has astonished the IndyCar fraternity and sceptics in Formula One by winning four of the five oval races that he competed in this season.

"His oval wins are the real substance of his achievement because everyone knew he would be a force on the road circuits," Emerson Fittipaldi, the last man who could have deprived him of the championship, said. "I thought Nigel would struggle because he slides quite a lot and is an aggressive driver. But he did it almost effortlessly. He has driven beautifully."

"What he has done is far more impressive than the feats of Hill and Jimmy Clark," said the Newman-Haas co-owner, Carl Haas, fresh in the knowledge that Mansell has signed to race for the team for another two years.

By now, Mansell was reliving his latest victory, dropping his guard, allowing us inside the mind of the racer. "If it is going well, your driving should be happening on automatic," he said.

Mansell has ruled the IndyCar world since his acrimonious defection from the Williams team at the end of last season, playing an instrumental role in an explosion of interest in the sport that has led to it being televised in 120 countries across the globe.

He has gained the universal respect and admiration of his new rivals and their gratitude for the increased exposure he has brought them.

And he has revelled in the openness of the IndyCar scene. In contrast to the frosty relationship he had with many of the specialist writers in Formula One, the American media have warmed to him and his sense of humour.

For his team's public relations man, Michael Knight, the season has been something of an ordeal. "The interest Nigel has generated in IndyCar has been phenomenal," he said. "The numbers of requests for interviews has been overwhelming, just impossible to meet. It made the month of May before the Indianapolis 500 last for what seemed like a million days."

From his first race in the series in Surfers Paradise, Australia, in March, where he became the first man in the 82-year history of the sport to set pole position and win on his debut, to his triumph here on Sunday when he shattered the average speed record for the race, he seems to have established new milestones wherever he has gone.

His crash during practice for the first one-mile oval race at Phoenix in April seemed to confirm the suspicions of those who said he would be unable to adapt his driving style to the daunting tracks he had never raced on before. His subsequent performances confounded those theories.

Nobody can say he won this series through the superiority of his car because there are 12 other competitors with the same engine. The only question mark over his triumph is the quality of the other drivers, many of whom are past their best. Nevertheless, he is only the third man to win both Formula One and IndyCar titles.

Neither Mario Andretti nor Fittipaldi managed it in successive seasons. "In many ways, what I have done this season beats my achievement of last year," he said.

"The Indianapolis 500 is the thing that motivates me now. It is a race on its own, a unique event and something I would dearly love to win."

England's selectors give cold shoulder to north

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

ENGLAND'S rugby union selectors left nobody in doubt yesterday where they believe the centres of English excellence lie. In a squad of 46 to train at Harlequins on October 2 and 3 in preparation for the visit of New Zealand, 14 players come from Bath and seven each from Harlequins, Leicester, Northampton and Wasps.

Dewi Morris, of Orrell, and the young Wakefield wing, Jonathan Sleightholme, are the only representatives of northern clubs, although eight other players have appeared for that divisional side.

Inevitably, there will be protests from clubs who feel their men deserve acknowledgement ahead of inexperienced players or those who may not even make Bath's first XV regularly.

Every player named is likely to appear in an England shirt at one level or another, since a senior XV, an A XV and a development XV will meet the All Blacks but four notable omissions are Steve Bates, Richard Hill, Jeff Probyn and Mike Teague; all save Hill were involved with England's senior squad last season.

Good displays for their respective divisional teams against the New Zealanders, the selectors' stress, could yet restore them to the international fold and, of that quartet, Probyn, the Wasps prop, is as likely to play at Twickenham on November 27 as anyone.

A year ago he was dropped in favour of Victor Ubogu against Canada and South Africa, but forced his way back. However, Ubogu returned from the England A summer tour of Canada with plaudits ringing in his ears.

Twenty-two of the squad are uncapped as the selectors look ahead to the 1995 World Cup, the 18-month build-up to which starts in the new year. "It's difficult to envisage Jeff Probyn up-and-running in 1995," Don Rutherford, the Rugby Football Union technical director, said of England's most-capped prop, now 37. "He knows the score all too well, he's fighting like mad to get into the London side and state his case."

SQUAD

Full backs: J Callard (Bath), I Hunter (Northampton), D Pears (Harlequins). Wings: R Underwood (Leicester), T Underwood (Lancaster), A Adebayo (Bath), A Lumsden (Bath), D O'Leary (Harlequins), C Oti (Wasps), J Sleightholme (Wakefield), H Thorneycroft (Northampton). Centres: W Carling (Harlequins), M Catt (Bath), J Guscott (Bath), P de Glanville (Bath), S Potter (Leicester), D Hopley (Wasps). Stand-off halves: R Andrew (Wasps), S Barnes (Bath), P Challinor (Harlequins), P Grayson (Northampton). Scrum halves: D Morris (Orrell), M Dawson (Northampton), K Bracken (Bristol). Props: J Leonard (Harlequins), C Clark (Bath), J Mallett (Bath), G Rowntree (Leicester), A Mullins (Harlequins), V Ubogu (Bath). Hookers: B Moore (Harlequins), J Olver (Northampton), K Dunn (Wasps). Locks: M Bayfield (Northampton), A Blackmore (Bristol), M Johnson (Leicester), N Redman (Bath). Loose forwards: T Rodber (Northampton), B Clarke (Bath), N Back (Leicester), L Dallaglio (Wasps), M Greenwood (Wasps), J Hall (Bath), S Ojomoh (Bath), D Richards (Leicester), D Ryan (Wasps).

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: South American Group B: Brazil 2, Uruguay 0 (in Rio de Janeiro); Ecuador 1, Bolivia 1 (in Guayaquil). Brazil and Bolivia qualify for finals.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City 1, Drogheda 1, Dundalk 5, Shelbourne 1, Galway 1, Limerick 2; Monaghan 0, Shamrock 1.
ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Belgrano 2, Argentinos Juniors 0; Estudiantes 0, San Lorenzo 1, Ferrocarril Oeste 1, Deportivo Mandiyu 1, Gimnasia Tiro 1, Banfield 2; Huracan 2, Boca Juniors 0; Lanus 1, Platense 1; Newell's Old Boys 1, Rosario Central 1; Racing 1, Deportivo Espanol 0; River Plate 2, Independiente 2; Velez Sarsfield 1, Ferrro 0.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Group A: Cruzeiro 1, Flamengo 2; Sao Paulo 2, Bahia 0. Group B: Atletico Mineiro 0, Sport Recife 1; Gremio 1, Palmeiras 1; Santos 0, Fluminense 2. Group C: Ceara 0, Santa Cruz 1; Fortaleza 1, Nautico 1, Paysandu 1, Goias 1; Vitoria 2, Remo 1. Group D: America/Belo Horizonte 0, Coritiba 0; Desportiva 1, Atletico Paranaense 1, Parana 1, Portuguesa 0, Uniao Sao Joao 5, Criciuma 1.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Alleyn's 5, King Edward's, Witley 0; Forest 2, Highgate 2; Wellingborough 0, Shrewsbury 6.

ATHLETICS

FUKUOKA, Japan: International meeting: Winners and British placings: Men: 100m: A: L Christie (GB), 10.08sec. B: J Drummond (US), 10.10. 200m: 1, M Johnson (US), 20.19. 3, J Regis (GB), 20.42. 400m: B Reynolds (US), 45.15. 800m: Lee Jin-il (S Kor), 1min 49.76sec. 1,500m: A Bile (Som), 3.39.73. 5,000m: H Gebreselasie (Eth), 13.30.91. 110m hurdles: C Jackson (GB), 13.14. 400m hurdles: S Matete (Zam), 48.84. High jump: J Sotomayor (Cuba), 2.35m. Long jump: M Powell (US), 8.31. Triple jump: M Conley (US), 16.23m. Pole vault: S Bubka (Ukr), 5.80. Shot: Y Okano (Japan), 17.17. Javelin: 1, J Zelezny (Cz), 86.80; 2, M Hill (GB), 81.84. Women: 100m: I Privalova (Russ), 11.10. 200m: G Torrance (US), 22.10. 400m: S Richards (Jam), 52.16. 1,500m: E van Langen (Holl), 4.13.07. 5,000m: S O'Sullivan (Ire), 14.59.49. 100m hurdles: M Freeman (Jam), 12.99. 400m hurdles: S Gunnell (GB), 54.81. High jump: S Kostadinova (Bul), 2.05. Long jump: H Drechsler (Ger), 7.09.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 7, Cincinnati 3; Florida 2, Chicago 1; Montreal 6, Philadelphia 5; St Louis 7, Pittsburgh 6. San Diego 6, Houston 3; Colorado 8, Los Angeles 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 10, Minnesota 0; Boston 8, New York 3; Cleveland 12, Detroit 2; Chicago 3, Oakland 1; Baltimore 6, Milwaukee 4; Texas 7, California 6; Seattle 4, Kansas City 1

FENCING

BRISTOL: Open Tournament: Men: Foil: 1, K Beydoun (Sussex House), 2, M Bangry (Sussex House); equal 3, L Harper (Salle Hall) and H Lancaster (Sussex House). Epée: 1, S Aspinall (Polytechnic); 2, N Beadworth; equal 3, K MacDonald (LTFC) and R Gore (LTFC). Women: Foil: 1, A King (Boston); 2, S Mawby (Salle Hall); equal 3, L Herns (Salle Hall) and S Cowen (Much Wenlock) Sabre: 1, N Fletcher (Bristol); 2, G Fletcher (Melton), equal 3, M Hoenigmann (Scot) and K Zaweh (Salle Hall). Epée: 1, J Hofmans-Clark (Holl); 2, K Saunders (unattached); equal 3, A Milner-Barry (LTFC) and S Pearce (unattached).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL): New York Giants 20, LA Rams 10; Pittsburgh 34, Cincinnati 7; New Orleans 14, Detroit 3; Seattle 17, New England 14. Philadelphia 34, Washington 31; Cleveland 19, LA Raiders 16; San Francisco 37, Atlanta 30; San Diego 18, Houston 17. Dallas 17, Phoenix 10.

American Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Buffalo Bills	2	0	51	24
Indianapolis Colts	1	1	29	30
Miami Dolphins	1	1	38	44
NY Jets	1	1	44	40
New Eng Patriots	0	3	44	74
Central division				
Cleveland Browns	3	0	69	43
Houston Oilers	1	2	68	51
Pittsburgh Steelers	1	2	47	58
Cincinnati Bengals	0	3	27	70
West division				
Denver Broncos	2	0	60	37
LA Raiders	2	1	57	39
San Diego Chargers	2	1	53	63
Kansas City Chiefs	1	1	27	33
Seattle Seahawks	1	2	42	49

National Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
NY Giants	3	0	69	37
Phila Eagles	3	0	77	65
Dallas Cowboys	1	2	43	58
Phoenix Cardinals	1	2	44	50
Washington Redskins	1	2	76	67
Central division				
Detroit Lions	2	1	52	43
Green Bay Packers	1	1	53	26
Minnesota Vikings	1	1	17	31
Chicago Bears	0	2	27	38
Tampa Bay Buccs	0	2	10	50
West division				
New Orleans Saints	3	0	81	55
San Fran 49ers	2	1	74	96
LA Rams	1	2	43	56
Atlanta Falcons	0	3	74	101

☐ Last night: Denver at Kansas City

FIXTURES: Week four: Cleveland at Indianapolis, Green Bay at Minnesota; LA Rams at Houston; Miami at Buffalo; Phoenix at Detroit; San Francisco at New Orleans; Seattle at Cincinnati; Tampa Bay at Chicago; New England at NY Jets Monday: Pittsburgh at Atlanta.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER PREMIER LEAGUE: Chester Jets 65 (Gardner 19, Crowe 15), Leicester City Riders 68 (Waldron 30, Rowe 10); Jorvik Cair Doncaster Panthers 83 (Joseph 19, Barratt 17), Derby Bucks 97 (March 26, Gardiner 25); Proton Manchester Giants 123 (Samuels 26, St Kitts 24), London Towers 84 (Bailey 15, Dunaway 15.

GOLF

LEXINGTON: Seniors Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated). 202: G Player (SA), 68, 68, 66. 205: D Douglass, 66, 70, 69. 206: J McGee, 70, 72, 66; J Albus, 71, 65, 71. 209: M Hill, 72, 67, 70; B Crampton, 69, 72; J C Snead, 68, 69, 72. 210: L Gilbert, 71, 68, 71; D Stockton, 69, 69, 73. 211: G Gilbert, 71, 72, 68; G Archer, 71, 68, 72; J Colbert, 69, 70, 72. 212: R McBee, 71, 72, 69; R Geens, 69, 72, 71; J Kiefer, 71, 69, 72; L Trevino, 70, 70, 73.

HOCKEY

TERRASSA, Spain: Junior World Cup: Men: Final: Germany 3, Pakistan 1.

MOTOR RALLYING

RALLY OF AUSTRALIA: Leading positions after 30 special stages: 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Toyota Celica, 4hr 30min 22sec; 2, C McRae (GB), Subaru Legacy, 4:32.31; 3, A Vatanen (Fin), Subaru Legacy, 4:36.38; 4, M Biasion (It), Ford Escort, 4:43.10; 5, F Delecour (Fr), Ford Escort, 4:51.58; 6, R Dunkerton (Aus), Mitsubishi Lancer.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: Surrey Open: 1, J Bellinger, 473.70; 2, P Kent, 473.66; 3, P Bennison 473.63. Long Range Aggregate: 1, R Hawley, 212.19; 2, Bennison, 210.20; 3, D Dashwood, 209.20. Queen's I: 1, A Tucker, 105.19; 2, J Sweet, 105.17; 3, C White, 105.10. Queen's II: R Betts, 149.25; 2, Bennison, 149.24; 3, Bellinger, 149.22. 800 yds: Equal 1, Kent and R Wind, 75.15. Queen's II: 1, Kent, 147.22; 2, Bellinger, 145.18; 3, Bennison, 145.17. St George's Aggregate (Queen's I and II): 1, Tucker, 253.42; 2, Sweet, 253.39; 3, Bellinger, 253.38.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: Regal Welsh Open: Ninth qualifying round (England unless stated): W Sneddon (Scot) bt M King, 5-4; J Birch bt M Couch, 5-2; J Wych (Can) bt T Murphy (N Ire), 5-1; G Greene bt C Wilson (Wales) 5-1; R O'Sullivan bt M Williams (Wales), 5-1; P McPhillips (Scot) bt S Francisco (SA), 5-2; K Burrows bt A Higgins (N Ire) 5-4; A Hamilton bt R Foulds, 5-0; L Dodd bt C Scanlon, 5-2; D Finbow bt J Read, 5-3; B Morgan bt J Grech (Malta), 5-1; M Flowerdew bt E Hughes (Ire) 5-1; N Terry bt P Tanner, 5-3; J Burnett (Scot) bt J McLaughlin (N Ire), 5-1; J Prince (N Ire) bt A Borg (Malta), 5-2.
F O'Brien (Ire) bt D Fowler, 5-1; S Lee bt E Charlton (Aus), 5-3; S Storey bt R Chaperon (Can), 5-2; S Murphy (Ire) bt N Walker, 5-2; D Henry (Scot) bt C Edwards, 5-1; A Hicks bt S Judd, 5-0; D Harold bt G Horne (Scot), 5-2; L Richardson bt P Davies (Wales), 5-1; C Kelly bt A Meo, 5-1; J Delaney (Ire) bt I Graham, 5-1; P Davison bt P Francisco (SA), 5-4; T Chappel (Wales) bt N Marsh, 5-4; S Newbury (Wales) bt B Rowswell, 5-3; N Dyson bt W Jones (Wales), 5-2.

SQUASH

DUBAI: Men's tournament: First round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt A F Khan (HK), 15-1, 15-7, 15-6; C van der Walt (SA) bt M Maclean (Scot), 15-13, 15-9, 8-15, 15-6; R Norman (NZ) bt G Ur Rahman (Pak), 15-7, 17-15, 15-11; A Hill (Aus) bt C Walker (Eng), 15-5, 12-15, 15-10, 11-15, 17-14.
JOHANNESBURG: Women's World Open: Qualifying finals (SA unless stated): M Clare bt P Pamola (Austria), 9-4, 10-8, 7-9, 9-4; T Van Eck bt D Thomas, 9-0, 9-0, 9-4; D Edwards bt A De Moura (Br), 5-9, 9-1, 9-7, 9-5.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday September 25 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Arsenal v South'pton
1 Blackburn v Sheff Wed
1 Chelsea v Liverpool
2 Coventry v Leeds
1 Everton v Norwich
1 Man Utd v Swindon
1 Newcastle v West Ham
2 Oldham v A Villa
X Sheff Utd v Man City
Not on coupons: Ipswich v Tottenham (Sunday); Wimbledon v QPR (Monday)

FIRST DIVISION
X Barnsley v Leicester
1 Birmingham v Luton
X Grimsby v Wolves
1 Peterborough v Millwall
1 Portsmouth v Bristol C
X Stoke v Southend
1 Tranmere v Oxford
1 Watford v Sunderland
2 West Brom v M'boro
Not on coupons: Bolton v Nottingham Forest (Sunday); Charlton v Crystal Palace, Notts Co v Derby

SECOND DIVISION
1 Blackpool v Bournemouth
1 Bradford v Cambridge
2 Brentford v Port Vale
X Bristol R v Burnley
1 Cardiff v Plymouth
X Exeter v Swansea
2 Hartlepool v York
1 Huddfield v Fulham
1 Leyton O v Brighton
1 Reading v Hull
1 Stockport v Rotherham
Not on coupons: Wrexham v Barnet

THIRD DIVISION
X Chester v Carlisle
1 Colchester v Bury
2 Gillingham v Scunthorpe
2 Hereford v Wigan
X Lincoln v North'pton
2 Mansfield v Preston
1 Rochdale v Chesterfield
2 Scarborough v Shr'bury
X Torquay v Crewe
1 Wycombe v Doncaster
Not on coupons: Darlington v Walsall

VAUXHALL CONF'CE
1 Kid'minster v Merthyr
X Southport v Slough
2 Witton v Bath
1 Yeovil v Macclesf'd

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Aberdeen v Rangers
1 Dundee Utd v Motherwell
2 Hearts v Celtic
1 Kilmarnock v Partick
2 Rangers v Hibernian
X St Johnstone v Dundee

SCOTTISH FIRST
X Ayr v Dunfermline
1 Clyde v Brechin
2 Clydebank v Airdrie
1 Falkirk v St Mirren
2 Morton v Dumbarton
1 Stirling v Hamilton

SCOTTISH SECOND
X Alloa v Q of Sth
1 Allos v Montrose
1 East Fife v E Stirling
Not on coupons: Forfar v Berwick, Meadowbank v Arbroath, Stenhousemuir v Queen's Park, Stranraer v Cowdenbeath

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Sheffield United, Barnsley, Stoke, Bristol Rovers, Exeter, Chester, Lincoln, Torquay, Southport, St Johnstone, Ayr, Alloa.
BEST DRAWS: Sheffield United, Barnsley, Exeter, Torquay, Southport.
AWAYS: Aston Villa, Maddlesbrough, Scunthorpe, Wigan, Preston.
HOMES: Arsenal, Manchester United, Peterborough, Portsmouth, Watford, Cardiff, Huddersfield, Colchester, Rochdale, Yeovil, Aberdeen, East Fife.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Arsenal, Manchester United, Watford, Rochdale, Aberdeen. Aways: Aston Villa, Scunthorpe, Wigan. Draws: Barnsley, Torquay, Southport.

☐ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Coca-Cola Cup
Second round, first legs
Barnet v QPR (7.45, all ticket) .....
Barnsley v Peterborough (7.45) .....
Birmingham v Aston Villa (7.45, all ticket) .....
Blackburn v Bournemouth (7.45, all ticket) .....
Blackpool v Sheffield United (all ticket) .....
Bolton v Sheffield Wednesday .....
Crystal Palace v Charlton (7.45) .....
Grimsby v Hartlepool (7.45) .....
Huddersfield v Arsenal (7.45, all ticket) .....
Ipswich v Cambridge Utd (7.45) .....
Lincoln v Everton .....
Middlesbrough v Brighton (7.45) .....
Rochdale v Leicester (8.0) .....
Rotherham v Portsmouth .....
Sunderland v Leeds (7.45, all ticket) .....
Swansea v Oldham .....
Tranmere v Oxford Utd .....
Watford v Millwall (7.45) .....
Wrexham v Notts Forest (all ticket) .....

GM Vauxhall Conference
Slough v Yeovil .....

The Drinkwise Cup
First round, second legs
Dover (2) v Merthyr (0) (7.45) .....
Macclesfield (2) v Witton (1) .....
Runcorn (4) v Southport (1) (7.45) ...
Telford (0) v Stalybridge (7.45) (2) ...
Welling (0) v Kettering (7.45) (0) .....

Scottish League Cup
Semi-final
Dundee United v Hibernian (8.0, at Tynecastle) .....

FA TROPHY: First qualifying round, replays: Chorley v Whitley Bay; Harrogate v Shildon; Knowsley v Matlock; Colwyn Bay v Sutton Coldfield; Redditch v Atherstone; Yeading v Bedfordshire.

ULSTER CUP: Semi-final: Crusaders v Portadown (7.45, The Oval, Belfast)

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Challenge Cup: First round: Afan Lido v Briton Ferry; Bangor v Flint; Connah's Quay v Llansantffraid; Inter Cardiff v Cwmbran.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Morecambe; Droylsden v Accrington Stanley; Frickley v Bishop Auckland; Marine v Fleetwood. Postponed: Chorley v Buxton, Colwyn Bay v Winsford, Knowsley Utd v Horwich; Leek v Matlock; Whitley Bay v Bridlington Town. First division: Eastwood Town v Goole; Gretna v Netherfield, Workington v Bamber Bridge.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ossett Town v North Ferriby; Pickering v Brigg.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough v Penrith; Bootle v Maine Road (Man); Eastwood Hanley v Nantwich; Flixton v Atherton LR; Telford v Blackpool Rovers.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: Preliminary round, second legs: Buckingham v Chelmsford City; Rushden and Diamonds v Grantham, Midland division: Tamworth v RC Warwick. Southern division: Dunstable v Bury Town.
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Great Yarmouth v Norwich Utd; Halstead v Cornard; Harwich and Parkeston v Stowmarket; Histon v Tiptree; Lowestoft v Felixstowe; March Town v Fakenham; Sudbury v Haverhill; Watton v Gorleston, Wisbech v Diss; Wroxham v Soham.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Elmore; Paulton v Minehead.
DIADORA LEAGUE: League Cup: First round: Aldershot v Kingstonian; Aylesbury v Chesham; Banstead v Bishop's Stortford (at Bishop's Stortford); Berkhamsted v Chesham; Billericay v Tring; Camberley v Maidenhead; Chalfont St Peter v Leyton; Greys v Dulwich Hamlet; Hendon v Boreham Wood; Heybridge Swifts v Basingstoke; Hitchin v Uxbridge; Horsham v Worthing; Leatherhead v Staines; Malden Vale v Oxford City; Marlow v Yeading; Metropolitan Police v Wokingham; Northwood v Windsor and Eton; Saffron Walden v Stevenage Boro; St Albans v Bromley; Sutton v Purfleet; Tooting and Mitcham v Lewes; Walton and Hersham v Abingdon.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v West Ham (7.0); OPR v Chelsea (7.0). League Cup: Plymouth v Exeter.

RUGBY UNION

Club matches
Narberth v Haverfordwest (7.0) .....
Pontypridd v Tredegar (7.0) .....
Rosslyn Park v Wasps .....

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Golf Foundation schools team championships (Delamere Forest).
TENNIS: LTA Autumn satellite tournament (Sheffield)

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Barathea heads Ascot doubtfuls

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

THE vagaries of the British climate and uncertainties surrounding some key runners are threatening to detract from the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, centrepiece of the Festival of Racing at Ascot on Saturday.

With a quarter of an inch of rain falling on the Berkshire course yesterday, changing the going to soft, only three of the 11 horses declared for the £350,000 group one prize are certain to line up.

Barathea, who worked so impressively on the Newmarket gallops on Saturday, is under a cloud following a temperature and stomach upset and has a "slightly better than 50-50 chance of running", Luca Cumani, the colt's trainer, said yesterday.

"The horse had a slight temperature on Sunday morning and a bout of purging afterwards, which would indicate a gut upset. The temperature by evening stables was fine and he ate up well but we took it easy with him today and just gave him some easy exercise.

"We will be keeping a watchful eye on him. If he gives us indications that he is fine, he will run. If we think he is below par, he won't. He will probably have a blow out on Thursday before we decide."

Michael Roberts, whose replacement by Pat Eddery on Barathea in France two weeks ago prompted the speculation over his future as Shaikh Mohammed's retained jockey, will ride if Barathea is fit. The participation of Inner City as a high-class pacemaker would appear to hinge on the presence of the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner.

If the ground dries out, John Gosden may run both Emperor Jones and Half Term but soft ground would end Half Term's participation. Elizabeth Bay, trained by Andre Fabre, is a definite non-runner.

Kingmambo, trained by Francois Boutin, works this morning but every drop of rain that falls between now and Saturday will reduce the chances of the St James's Palace Stakes winner being risked before his main end-of-season target, the Breeders' Cup Mile, at Santa Anita.

Even Clive Brittain warned yesterday that he might have to reconsider running Sayyedati, the 1,000 Guineas winner, if continued rain turned the ground to heavy. Alhijaz, trained by John Dunlop, is a possible rather than probable runner.

Corals have opened a book on the showpiece race. They make Sayyedati their favourite at 6-4 and offer Kingmambo 5-2 with a run. They then bet: 5-2 Bigstone, 8-1 Swing Low, 12-1 Elizabeth Bay, Barathea, Half Term, 16-1 Emperor Jones, 20-1 Mistle Cat, 25-1 Alhijaz, 40-1 Inner City.

Roger Charlton, who is saving Inchinor for a group two race at home or abroad, was understandably downcast by the weekend defeat of Forest Gazelle in the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury, but believes the hard-pulling Green Forest colt may be more of a sprinter. Meanwhile, he confirmed yesterday that another well-regarded Beckhampton two-year-old, Concordial, will definitely run in the Royal Lodge Stakes on Saturday.

☐ The sponsors make Penny Drops and Storm Canyon 12-1 joint-favourites for the Tote Festival Handicap.

TREVOR JONES



Barathea may miss the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot after running a slight temperature

Ezzoud earns late place in Arc field

EZZOUD, the surprise 28-1 winner of the Juddmonte International Stakes at York last month, is to run in the Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on Sunday week (Richard Evans writes).

The decision by Maktoum Al-Maktoum to send his top four-year-old colt for Europe's middle-distance championship means Michael Stoute will be doubly represented as the Newmarket trainer already has the Shaikh Mohammed-owned Opera House in the race.

Ezzoud has tackled a mile and a half only once before in his 11-race career, when he finished fifth behind St Jovite and Dr Devious in last year's Irish Derby.

Stoute said yesterday: "We didn't put a visor on him that day as he was stepping up from a mile to a mile and a half, but he is such a lazy horse he doesn't really travel without a visor, so we didn't learn a lot. We didn't feel he didn't stay.

"His York success was over 10½ furlongs so he has only got a little further to travel and we will take our chance. He doesn't mind soft ground. Walter Swinburn will ride."

Swinburn, the best big-race jockey riding in Britain, gave Ezzoud a peach of a ride to win the International Stakes when Sabrehill looked all over the winner with a furlong to go. Ezzoud, a high-class performer with a quirky character, seemed to benefit from the strong pace at York and quickened noticeably inside the last 100 yards to win a shade comfortably.

After the group one success, Swinburn suggested a fast pace and a horse to chase in the closing stages of a race were the key to Ezzoud running to his best and not idling.

Ladbrokes introduced Ezzoud at 20-1 yesterday and bet: 5-2 Hernando, 3-1 Wemyss Bight, 6-1 Opera House, 7-1 Intrepdity, 8-1 Shemaka, 12-1 bar.

Andre Fabre, who trains Intrepidity and Wemyss Bight, said yesterday both were in good shape following their Arc trials. "I was a bit worried about Wemyss Bight because she had a hard race, but she has a great constitution and she takes things very well."

It is difficult for Fabre to split the two horses as they work in markedly contrasting styles at home. "Wemyss Bight works very well in the mornings whereas Intrepidity does nothing."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ROBSERA
(3.00 Nottingham)

Next best: Paonic
(4.00 Nottingham)

Richard Evans landed his nap yesterday when Nordan Raider won at 9-4.

Eagles put doubts aside with another fine display

By Robert Kirley

GIVEN up for dead before the National Football League season because of free-agency defections, the Philadelphia Eagles are undefeated after three games. Their scalps include the Green Bay Packers, for whom their former sack-master, Reggie White, now performs, and the Dallas Cowboys, who won the Super Bowl last January.

On Sunday, Randall Cunningham and Calvin Williams collaborated on three touchdown passes, the last coming with four seconds to play, to beat the Washington Redskins 34-31. Like the Cowboys, the Redskins are divisional rivals.

"This game makes me realise I am back where I used to be," Cunningham said after his decisive ten-play drive. He also led the Eagles with 49 rushing yards on five carries. "It gives the team confidence in me. I think that confidence came back today.

"Everyone wrote us off, but we have a lot of weapons. The offensive line did their job and Calvin played great. That first pass to him [80 yards in the second quarter] was just a dump-off. He was stumbling when he caught it and he still went all the way. Teams have underestimated his speed."

Cunningham completed 25 of 39 passes for 360 yards and Williams had eight catches for 181 yards. Cary Conklin, of Washington, standing in for the injured Mark Rypien, threw three touchdown passes in his first start and Reggie Brooks rushed for 154 yards, including an 85-yard scoring jaunt that put Washington in front by seven points with eight minutes to play.

Conklin completed 17 of 36 tosses 218 yards, but just as the Redskins appeared to have the game under control in the third quarter, he threw an ill-considered pass that was intercepted by Eric Allen and returned 29 yards for a score.

"I'm sick," Conklin said. "I thought we played well enough and put enough points on the board to win."

Washington held the advantage early in the fourth quarter before Cunningham marshalled an 80-yard drive that ended in Williams's second touchdown, a nine-yarder. One play later, Brooks stunned Philadelphia with his long scoring run that nudged the Redskins ahead by seven.

Cunningham then drove the Eagles 55 yards for a 42-yard field goal by Matt Bahr and 84 yards for the winning touchdown. The clubs totalled 817 yards and the Eagles prevailed despite turning over the ball four times.

The third weekend of the season was the first in which some teams were idle. Philadelphia will rest this week. When they return, they will face the New York Jets and the Chicago Bears, so they have a chance to stay undefeated for some time to come.

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KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

1.45 Alasad
2.15 Loving Legacy
2.45 Trapezium
3.15 Melnik
3.45 Lady-Bo-K
4.15 Primo Figlio
4.45 Duckey Fuzz

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 LOVING LEGACY (nap). 2.45 Trapezium.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 DUCKEY FUZZ.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT   DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST   SIS

1.45 TANGMERE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,728: 1m 4f) (19 runners)

101 (9) 0-3024 ALASAD 45 (H Al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0 ... W Carson 90
102 (11) ALLEZ PABLO (B) (Mrs J Powell) D Shaw 9-0 ... A Clark –
103 (1) 0-50 AMAZING AIR 45 (Exors of the late Mrs H Sann) D Elsworth 9-0 ... R Price –
104 (2) 00- BARNIEMEBOY 437 (D Hedley) Mrs M Bennett 9-0 ... M Perrett –
105 (12) 463 CUFF LINK 25 (Lord Weinstock) W Hern 9-0 ... J Reid 85
106 (6) 4-50254 ECU DE FRANCE 10 (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 9-0 ... T Quinn [circled]
107 (18) 4400 ERCKULE 65 (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0 ... B Doyle (3) 93
108 (8) 0 KAMIKAZE 14 (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 ... J Weaver –
109 (10) 0 PLAIN SAILING 19 (D Hunnisett) D Morley 9-0 ... R Hills –
110 (17) 0 PRIDWELL 158 (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) R Charlton 9-0 ... S Raymont –
111 (3) 05 PURPLE SPLASH 10 (C Wallace) P Makin 9-0 ... A Munro 86
112 (19) 02 SPRING MARATHON 8 (Mrs N Duffield) D Elsworth 9-0 ... J Williams 88
113 (5) 0 BALMORAL BELLE 45 (G Keller) L Cumani 8-9 ... M Stramaggio –
114 (4) 0 CUCKMERE VENTURE 43 (R Streeter) R Voorspuy 8-9 ... N Adams –
115 (15) 32 ELATIS 22 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9 ... J Carroll 91
116 (16) 0 GECKO ROUGE 12 (Ms T Gunning) J Hills 8-9 ... R Perham –
117 (13) 0-523 KARDELLE 22 (Exors of the late Mrs J de Rothschild) R Charlton 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 89
118 (7) 4 PRINCESS SIOUX 84 (P Horrowood) A Scott 8-9 ... B Raymond 75
119 (14) 040050 TAUTEN 14 (T Barker) P Burgoyne 8-9 ... B Rouse –

BETTING: 5-2 Elatis, 4-1 Kardelle, 9-2 Alasad, 8-1 Cuff Link, 12-1 Ecu De France, Spring Marathon, 14-1 Princess Sioux, 16-1 Kamikaze, Plain Sailing, Purple Splash, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ALASAD 7¾l 4th of 14 to Kithanga in a maiden at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm), with BALMORAL BELLE (1lb better off) 14¾l 10th and AMAZING AIR 24l 14th.
CUFF LINK 7¾l 3rd of 16 to Wooter Forest in a maiden at Goodwood (1m 2f, good). ECU DE FRANCE 5¾l 4th of 9 to Darrery in a maiden at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to soft), with PURPLE SPLASH ¾l 5th. SPRING MARATHON 2½l 2nd of 11 to Ballet Prince in a maiden at Bath (1m 3f 144yd, good). ELATIS 2½l 2nd of 6 to Tree Of Life in a maiden at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good to firm), with KARDELLE 3l 3rd. PRINCESS SIOUX 7l 4th of 11 to El Jubail in a maiden at Chepstow (1m 2f, firm)
Selection: ECU DE FRANCE

2.15 KENLEY CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,111: 1m) (5 runners)

201 (3) 213460 BEARALL 13 (F) (Mrs M Winterton) R Hannon 8-10 ... B Rouse 92
202 (4) 1 CRACKLING SIKE 22 (G) (Lord Hartington) D Morley 8-10 ... M Tebbutt 86
203 (2) 062 CRAZY FOR YOU 8 (Club 7 Racing) M Channon 8-8 ... T Quinn 94
204 (5) 2 LOVING LEGACY 53 (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 8-8 ... R Hills [circled]
205 (1) 33 OMNIA 18 (F Salman) P Cole 8-8 ... A Munro 96

BETTING: 6-4 Loving Legacy, 7-4 Omnia, 5-1 Bearall, 8-1 Crazy For You, 10-1 Crackling Sike.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BEARALL about 1½l 6th of 18 to Prince Babar in a listed race at Deauville on penultimate start (7f, good).
CRACKLING SIKE beat Neptunalia 2½l in a 13-runner maiden at Yarmouth (7f, good). CRAZY FOR YOU 2l 2nd of 6 to Highland Legend in a conditions race at Bath (1m, good). LOVING LEGACY 1l 2nd of 17 to Concordial in a maiden at Newmarket (7f, good).
OMNIA 1¼l 3rd of 7 to Dance To The Top in a conditions race here (7f, good).
Selection: LOVING LEGACY

2.45 WEST MALLING HURRICANE CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,172: 5f) (6 runners)

301 (3) 131125 LUCKY PARKES 10 (D,F,G) (J Heler) J Berry 3-9-7 ... J Carroll [circled]
302 (6) 006410 LYNDON'S LINNET 19 (D,F) (J Bryan Smith) R Ingram 5-9-4 ... J Reid 75
303 (4) 004003 ROCK SYMPHONY 6 (D,G) (Sir Anthony Page-Wood) A Scott 3-9-3 ... J Tate (5) 98
304 (6) 100-020 FANGIO 13 (D,F,G) (M Heygate-Browne) W G M Turner 4-9-2 ... T Sprake 92
305 (1) 6-24000 INHERENT MAGIC 31 (CD,G) (Mrs S Stovold) M McCormack 4-9-0 ... A Clark 86
306 (2) 302152 TRAPEZIUM 17 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-13 ... J Weaver 91

BETTING: 11-10 Lucky Parkes, 3-1 Rock Symphony, Trapezium, 10-1 Fangio, 14-1 Inherent Magic, 25-1 Lyndon's Linnet.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

LUCKY PARKES about 6¾l 5th of 10 to Tropical in the group III Arthur Guinness EBF Flying Five Stakes at Leopardstown (5f, good). Previously, 1l 2nd of 9 to Bunty Boo in a conditions race at Salisbury (5f, good), with INHERENT MAGIC (2lb better off) 5½l 8th. LYNDON'S LINNET 8l 7th of 12 to Bodari in a handicap at Salisbury (5f, good to firm).
ROCK SYMPHONY about 1¾l 3rd of 6 to Storm Canyon in a conditions race at Yarmouth (6f, good to soft).
FANGIO short-head 2nd of 13 to Gorinsky in a handicap at Sandown (5f, good to firm), with INHERENT MAGIC (2lb better off) 2l 7th. TRAPEZIUM ¾l 2nd of 4 to Zanni Sidi Anna in a conditions race here (6f, good).
Selection: LUCKY PARKES

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Cecil	5	17	29.4	Pat Eddery	44	216	20.4
R Charlton	10	47	21.3	A Munro	18	124	14.5
A Scott	9	45	20.0	W Carson	29	213	13.6
B Hanbury	9	46	19.6	B Doyle	4	37	10.8
M Stoute	16	83	19.3				
J Fanshawe	7	41	17.1	(Only qualifiers)			

☐ Julie Cecil's colt Gneiss will be aimed at one of the big juvenile races following his ten-length victory in the Levy Board Maiden Stakes at Nottingham yesterday. The son of Diesis is entered for both the Middle Park and Dewhurst Stakes although Mrs Cecil will discuss the options with the owners before making her final decision. She said: "I don't think the ground makes any difference and he will get further than six furlongs."

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Unblest rests

UNBLEST was yesterday ruled out of the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket and will not run again this season.

The recent Doncaster winner had a temperature last week and his trainer, James Fanshawe, has decided to put him away until next year. He is 25-1 for the 2,000 Guineas.

3.15 HEATHROW MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,807: 1m) (24 runners)

401 (5) 00 ABACUSAM 68 (C Wells) J Akehurst 9-0 ... S Whitworth –
402 (6) 06 AHSANT MTOTO 15 (A Al Shafar) R Armstrong 9-0 ... R Price 80
403 (23) BRAVE TORNADO (Miss B Swire) G Balding 9-0 ... J Williams –
404 (15) CHOCOLAT DE MEGURO (T Watanabe) G Harwood 9-0 ... M Perrett –
405 (14) 60 CHOPENDOZ 22 (B Morrison) W Jarvis 9-0 ... M Tebbutt –
406 (20) DURABLE (H Allen) J Gosden 9-0 ... B Raymond –
407 (18) 493 DYNAMIC DELUXE 21 (U Schwarzenbach) I Balding 9-0 ... S O'Gorman 91
408 (7) ECHO WOOD (Winning Post, Bristol) P Murphy 9-0 ... N Adams –
409 (4) HE'S BIZZI (K Higson) G L Moore 9-0 ... A Morris –
410 (17) 0 KISSAIR 14 (T Benson) G Lewis 9-0 ... B Rouse –
411 (9) LINDON LAD (C Black) J White 9-0 ... A Clark –
412 (16) LYPHARD'S FABLE (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 9-0 ... R Hills –
413 (1) MELNIK (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 ... T Quinn –
414 (2) 66506 MIDSEAS 24 (T Ford) Miss J Doyle 9-0 ... R Perham 83
415 (13) NORTHERN UNION (R Green) M Jarvis 9-0 ... P Robinson –
416 (21) PEMBRIDGE PLACE (Lady Cohen) J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson –
417 (24) QUICK DECISION (C Bothway) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 ... W Hood –
418 (22) REHLAT FARAH (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) L Cumani 9-0 ... J Weaver –
419 (10) 00 SCUD MISSILE 18 (S Pooford) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 ... J Carroll 75
420 (12) 20 STASH THE CASH 33 (J Davis) R Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 96
421 (11) 6 STONECROP 10 (J Guest) J White 9-0 ... T Quinn –
422 (19) 033 VILLAGE EAGLE 30 (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 ... B Doyle (3) 98
423 (6) 46 CARA CARLTON 8 (D Bass) K Cunningham-Brown 8-9 ... D Wright (5) 95
424 (3) 42 VARSAVIA 34 (Sultan Mohammed) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ... A Munro [circled]

BETTING: 4-1 Varsavia, 5-1 Melnik, Village Eagle, Stash The Cash, 6-1 Durable, 8-1 Dynamic Deluxe, Rehlat Farah, 20-1 Northern Union, Pembridge Place, 25-1 others.

1992: COMMANCHE GOLD 9-0 Pat Eddery (11-8 fav) Lord Huntingdon 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

AHSANT MTOTO about 9l 6th of 8 to Midnight Legend in a maiden at Nottingham (1m, firm). DYNAMIC DELUXE 5l 3rd of 12 to Pampered Guest in a maiden at Epsom (1m 114yd, good to firm). MIDSEAS about 9¾l 6th of 18 to Strumpet City in a maiden auction at Windsor (6f, good to firm). SCUD MISSILE 14l 7th of 15 to Alcove in a maiden auction at Haydock (1m, good to firm). STASH THE CASH ¼l 2nd of 16 to Burraan in a maiden here on penultimate start (7f, good). VILLAGE EAGLE 5l 3rd of 6 to Lost World in a conditions race at Deauville (1m, good). CARA CARLTON 1l 4th of 11 to Pal's Splendour in a maiden auction at Folkestone on penultimate start (7f, good to firm). VARSAVIA 4l 2nd of 15 to Nicolette in a maiden here (7f, good to firm), with CHOPENDOZ (3lb better off) 22l 13th. MELNIK (Mar 7) is by Nashwan. Dam won Italian Oaks and dead-heated for Irish Oaks
Selection: VARSAVIA

3.45 DUXFORD NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,494: 5f) (13 runners)

501 (2) 0535 ANOTHERONE TO NOTE 57 (Mrs J Massey) M Heaton-Ellis 9-7 ... J Carroll 85
502 (5) 023122 BRAVE EDGE 3 (D,F) (C Petyt) R Hannon 9-3 ... Pat Eddery [circled]
503 (11) 0T100 TINKER OSMASTON 52 (D,F) (U Liner Services Ltd) C Williams 8-13 B Raymond 95
504 (9) 01400 MOUNT LEINSTER 8 (D,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) P Murphy 8-10 ... S Drowne (5) 90
505 (7) 460 ROCKETEER 26 (Mrs J Muir) W Muir 8-9 ... W Newnes 90
506 (12) 413330 THATCHERELLA 13 (D,G) (G Mortimer) J Akehurst 8-6 ... J Reid 93
507 (1) 003 RAISA POINT 28 (J Amass) P Makin 8-6 ... T Quinn 95
508 (13) 0210 LADY-BO-K 13 (G) (Ms T McEvoy) Bob Jones 8-5 ... W Carson 97
509 (4) 0455 BILLY CRUNCHEON 3 (T Pakting) R Simpson 8-5 ... W Woods 90
510 (10) 01004 MIRIAM 22 (D,F) (Miss A Whitehead) M Fetherston-Godley 8-3 ... A Munro 91
511 (6) 05665 MY GALLERY 18 (B) (G Myson) A Bailey 7-13 ... D Wright (5) 97
512 (3) 403404 CHIEF EXECUTIVE 15 (Y Nasib) N Callaghan 7-7 ... N Varley (7) 98
513 (8) 600005 CRAFTY CRICKETER 12 (B) (Yew Tree Yeomanry) R Voorspuy 7-7 ... N Adams 80

Long handicap: Chief Executive 7-2, Crafty Cricketer 6-9

BETTING: 9-2 Lady-Bo-K, 5-1 Brave Edge, Thatcherella, 7-1 Billy Cruncheon, Tinker Osmaston, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BRAVE EDGE 3l 2nd of 10 to Royale Figurine in a nursery at Newbury (5f, good to soft), with BILLY CRUNCHEON (same terms) 2¾l 5th. THATCHERELLA 3l 3rd of 5 to Norfolk Mariner in a nursery at Goodwood last month (6f, good). RAISA POINT 5¾l 3rd of 6 to Post Mistress in a maiden auction at Brighton (5f 110yd, good to firm). LADY-BO-K beat Star Jazz ¾l in an 18-runner maiden auction at Salisbury on penultimate start (6f, good). MY GALLERY 8¾l 5th of 17 to Blue Bomber in a maiden at Haydock (5f, good to firm).
Selection: BRAVE EDGE

4.15 HENDON SELLING STAKES (£2,763: 1m 1f) (20 runners)

601 (9) 605335 CHANDIGARH 10 (M Broke) R Lee 5-8-3 ... J Williams 89
602 (6) 01-5103 COLTRANE 171 (V,G) (M Oberstein) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-3 ... A Munro 83
603 (16) 506540 DON'T GIVE UP 10 (B,F) (R Collard) Mrs M Bennett 5-9-3 ... D Meredith (5) 77
604 (14) 500000 HENBURY HALL 13J (V,D,G) (A Gauna) M Banaclough 5-9-3 ... Ann Stokell 78
605 (20) 000000 LITTLE ROUSILLON 33 (B,C,S) (Fayzad Thoroughbred Ltd) W Muir 5-9-3 J Reid 98
606 (15) 151220 LOCK KEEPER 204 (G) (C Hill) C Hill 7-9-3 ... P McCabe (7) 86
607 (2) 604043 LYN'S RETURN 8 (F,G) (R Dagg) R Simpson 4-9-3 ... G Rothwell (7) 85
608 (10) 020030 ROLY WALLACE 14 (B,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 4-9-3 ... M Wigham 88
609 (8) 530215 VANROY 19 (V,C,D,BF,F,G,S) (J Long) J Jenkins 9-9-3 ... T Quinn [circled]
610 (7) 0/03400- WAVE MASTER 266J (F) (J Panes) R Hodges 6-9-3 ... S Drowne (5) 67
611 (18) 600000- ALTON BELLE 350 (Mrs P Stroud) P Howling 4-8-12 ... Debbie Biggs (7) –
612 (12) 3-00 CATCH ME STARSKY 8 (B) (A Holland) P Burgoyne 3-8-12 ... B Rouse –
613 (4) 00-6040 KAWASIR 82 (C Murray) P Haslam 3-8-12 ... Nicola Howarth (7) 80
614 (11) 400000 MEXICAN DANCER 29 (B,S) (Hammond Partnership) P Howling 4-8-12 B Crossley 91
615 (13) 0241-00 PRIMO FIGLIO 132 (S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 3-8-12 ... Pat Eddery 96
616 (3) 005003 TOUT DE VAL 27 (Mrs V Perham) K Bishop 4-8-12 ... R Perham 8[illegible]
617 (1) 200280 MALZETA 8 (J Morris) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-7 ... D Wright (5) 88
618 (5) 0300-00 OVERNIGHT SUCCESS 11 (T Burrage) M Madgwick 3-8-7 ... M Fenton (3) –
619 (17) 00350 SHEFFORD 97 (T Barker) M Usher 3-8-7 ... A Clark 93
620 (19) 0-33400 SWEET DISORDER 24 (C Morris) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-7 ... B Doyle (3) 97

BETTING: 5-1 Vanroy, 11-2 Primo Figlio, 13-2 Little Rousillon, Lock Keeper, 7-1 Coltrane, 10-1 Sweet Disorder, 14-1 Lyn's Return, Roly Wallace, 25-1 Catch Me Starsky, Tout De Val, 33-1 others.

1992: LANGTRY LADY 6-8-11 D Biggs (11-2) M Ryan 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHANDIGARH 2¾l 5th of 14 to Wassl This Then in a handicap at Chepstow (1m 2f, good). COLTRANE ¾l 3rd of 14 to Modesto in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f, standard). LITTLE ROUSILLON put up best effort when 5l 7th of 17 to Dune River in a handicap at York (7f, good to firm). VANROY beat Essayeffsee a head in a 12-runner seller at Pontefract on penultimate start (1m 2f, good). PRIMO FIGLIO 14l 8th of 14 to American Swinger in a handicap over today's course and distance on penultimate start (good to firm). SWEET DISORDER put up best effort when 5½l 4th of 8 to Kassbaan in a handicap at Newmarket (1m, good).
Selection: COLTRANE

4.45 BIGGIN HILL HANDICAP (£5,638: 1m) (18 runners)

1 (10) 150141 CORALS DREAM 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Hanson) C Wall 4-9-12 ... W Woods 94
2 (11) 420003 EMBANKMENT 17 (D,F) (Lady Tennant) R Hannon 3-9-6 ... Pat Eddery 97
3 (13) 411/00 BANDMASTER 27 (D,F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-5 .. B Raymond –
4 (18) 10-0240 MULLITOVER 136 (S) (Mrs D Mulley) M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-4 ... A Munro 83
5 (15) 505120 AL MOULOUKI 24 (D,F,S) (G Jabre) J Payne 3-9-3 ... W Hood 90
6 (17) 465650 NOYAN 27 (F,G) (Y Bird) M Bell 3-9-1 ... M Fenton (3) 89
7 (14) 055132 AWESTRIKE 25 (D,BF,F) (G Ohrstrom) Mrs J Cecil 3 9-0 ... J Carroll 91
8 (4) 000110 DASWAKI 4 (CD,F,G,S) (D Allan) G L Moore 5-8-13 (5ex) ... B Rouse 94
9 (2) 5104-00 YAJEED 17 (F) (A Merza) A Scott 3-8-12 ... J Reid 98
10 (1) 050060 DOUBLE FLUTTER 22 (F) (M Channon) M Channon 4-8-11 ... T Quinn 91
11 (7) 1206 ZAJIRA 94 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-11 ... W Carson 90
12 (3) 050 FOX SPARROW 130 (Miss M Sheriffe) R Charlton 3-8-8 ... S Raymont –
13 (8) 400120 EXCLUSION 12 (D,S) (T Frost) H Candy 4-8-8 ... W Newnes 92
14 (6) 041011 DORAZINE 7 (D,F,G,S) (C Hill) C Hill 3-8-7 (5ex) ... P McCabe (7) 92
15 (5) 3-31520 MUTAKALLAM 17 (D,BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-5 ... R Hills 89
16 (8) 413261 LADY LACEY 17 (V,C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs K Perris) G Balding 6-8-0 ... N Varley (7) 97
17 (16) 032101 DUCKEY FUZZ 6 (G,S) (Mrs W Fatels) R Flower 5-7-7 ... D Wright (5) [circled]
18 (12) 031040 SIR OLIVER 14 (G) (Ms S Joyner) R Hodges 4-7-7 ... G Bardwell 94

Long handicap: Sir Oliver 7-4

BETTING: 8-1 Duckey Fuzz, 7-1 Daswaki, Dorazine, Mutakallam, 8-1 Lady Lacey, 10-1 Awestrike, Corals Dream, Double Flutter, 12-1 Embankment, Noyan, 14-1 others.

1992: MILLSOLIN 4-9-3 G Carter (9-2 fav) R Akehurst 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

AL MOULOUKI head 2nd of 10 to Play Hever Golf in a handicap here on penultimate start (7f, good). AWESTRIKE 3¾l 3rd of 15 to Fourforfun in a handicap at Goodwood (1m, good). DOUBLE FLUTTER put up best recent effort when 3¾l 8th of 19 to Philidor in a handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to soft). ZAJIRA 10¾l 6th of 7 to Barbouth in a listed handicap at Ascot (1m, soft). DORAZINE beat Wannabe 2½l in an 8-runner handicap at Sandown (1m, soft). LADY LACEY beat Bil On The Side 3½l in a 13-runner apprentice handicap here (1m 2f, good to firm). DUCKEY FUZZ beat Kariaska 5l in a 13-runner apprentice handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good to soft).
Selection: DUCKEY FUZZ (nap)

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.00 Salda. 2.30 Oh Susannah. 3.00 Robsera. 3.30 Darussalam. 4.00 Waafed. 4.30 ARVOLA (nap). 5.00 Prime Of Life.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Nichodoula.

GOING: SOFT   SIS
DRAW: 6F 15YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 MAPPERLEY LIMITED STAKES
(£3,273: 1m 54yd) (16 runners)

1 0000 GARTH 17 (B,F) R Hollinshead 5-9-0 ... S Perks 15
2 0500 IRISH GROOM 22 (D,G) J Smith 6-9-0 ... R Cochrane 8
3 1435 MCA BELOW THE LINE 19 (B,F,G,S) W Barker 5-9-0 S Webster 1
4 1406 MUSTAHIL 27J (D,F,G) R Hodges 4-9-0 ... A McGlone 2
5 0401 NORMAN WARRIOR 39 (B,D,S) D Morris 4-9-0 C Hodgson (3) 3
6 2001 SALDA 6 (D,S) R Whitaker 4-9-0 ... A Culhane 7
7 0600 SEA BARON 7 M Blanchard 3-8-10 ... J Quinn 6
8 5202 TONY'S MIST 4 (D,G) R Hannon 3-8-10 ... K Darley 16
9 0410 ERAS MOOD 10 (CD,F) B Palling 4-8-9 ... D Holland 12
10 0524 QUEEN OF SHANNON 10 (G,S) P McEntee 5-8-9 ... M Hills 11
11 2-65 AUSTRAL JANE 95 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-5 ... K Fallon 10
12 2132 NICHODOULA 14 (F) M Prescott 3-8-5 ... G Duffield 14
13 0255 NITOUCHE 19 (B) A Hide 3-8-5 ... L Dettori 9
14 4800 QUEENS CONSUL 11 B Rothwell 3-8-5 ... D Harrison 4
15 0226 SAKURA QUEEN 33 S Woods 3-8-5 ... C Rutter 5
16 4060 TREAD CAREFULLY 18 J Fanshawe 3-8-5 ... W Ryan 13

3-1 Nichodoula, 4-1 Salda, 6-1 Nitouche, 8-1 Queen Of Shannon, 10-1 Austral Jane, 12-1 Mustahil, Tony's Mist, 14-1 Norman Warrior, 16-1 others.

2.30 EBF COLWICK MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,485: 1m 54yd) (9)

1 CLYDE GODDESS J Dunlop 8-11 ... K Darley 2
2 3 COIGACH 14 H Cecil 8-11 ... W Ryan 6
3 0 DANIELLE HABIBI 14 N Graham 8-11 ... M Hills 8
4 00 HELLO MAMA 35 J Dunlop 8-11 ... G Duffield 9
5 60 MISS TUT 14 T Bill 8-11 ... N Carlisle 5
6 MY FIORE P Bevan 8-11 ... C Hawksley (7) 7
7 3 OH SUSANNAH 19 M Stoute 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 4
8 00 SPRINGTIME AFFAIR 17 R Hannon 8-11 ... L Dettori 1
9 VIOLET CROWN L Cumani 8-11 ... R Cochrane 3

13-8 Oh Susannah, 2-1 Coigach, 9-2 Violet Crown, 6-1 Clyde Goddess, 12-1 Springtime Affair, 16-1 Danielle Habibi, 20-1 Hello Mama, 25-1 others.

3.00 NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,757: 1m 1f 213yd) (21)

1 501 TANDIA 14 (F) M Pipe 9-7 ... A McGlone 5
2 0224 PRINCE DANZIG 4 D Murray Smith 9-5 ... W R Swinburn 20
3 4504 WICKLOW BOY 21 R Hannon 9-4 ... Mark Denaro (7) 11
4 400 AL JINN 34 R Williams 9-4 ... R Cochrane 13
5 0433 ROBSERA 8 G Lewis 9-2 ... Paul Eddery 3
6 1106 DEMI-PLIE 14 (V,F,G) D Loder 9-2 ... L Dettori 10
7 604 SHOOFK 19 Mrs L Piggott 9-0 ... L Piggott 7
8 431 WINNING LINE 25 (F) M H Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch 21
9 0004 EMMA GRIMES 57 M Muggeridge 8-10 ... D Holland 8
10 0063 DRAGON MAN 14 P Haslam 8-10 ... J Marshall (5) 9
11 004 MEMORABLE 81 M Tompkins 8-10 ... K Darley 4
12 256 CAPTAIN STARLIGHT 21 M Bell 8-6 ... M Hills 16
13 050 MILAUKOUS 22 J Fanshawe 8-6 ... G Duffield 17
14 024 COMEONUP 22 R Hannon 8-6 ... W Ryan 2
15 0006 SWEET CAROLINE 26 Pat Mitchell 8-6 ... N Kennedy (3) 19
16 4600 STRADISHALL 6 G Bravery 8-1 ... F Norton 14
17 0506 SHARPISH WORDS 62 (B) W Haigh 8-0 ... Dale Gibson 18
18 0800 SHARONE 6 M Camacho 7-12 ... L Charnock 1
19 650 LIFE'S TOO SHORT 24 G Pritchard-Gordon 7-10 D Harrison 15
20 0350 MR MYSTICAL 5 (V) J Moore 7-9 ... J Quinn 12
21 5600 SEMAH'S DREAM 14 A Hambly 7-7 ... J O'Reilly 6

4-1 Tandia, 5-1 Shoofk, 6-1 Robsera, 8-1 Prince Danzig, Demi-Plie, Winning Line, 10-1 Comeonup, 12-1 Dragon Man, 14-1 Wicklow Boy, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 28 winners from 68 runners, 41.2%; R Charlton, 8 from 21, 38.1%; L Cumani, 9 from 27, 33.3%; J Gosden, 10 from 36, 27.8%; M Stoute, 9 from 41, 22.0%; P Walwyn, 8 from 38, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS: D Harrison, 7 winners from 26 rides, 26.9%; L Piggott, 5 from 20, 25.0%; W R Swinburn, 20 from 100, 20.0%; L Dettori, 23 from 125, 18.4%; R Cochrane, 15 from 100, 15.0%; Paul Eddery, 13 from 110, 11.8%.

3.30 BURTON JOYCE FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,598: 6f 15yd) (22)

1 2050 PENNY HASSET 10 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 5-10-0 T Lucas 5
2 0-00 I'M YOURS 123 R Hannon 3-9-8 ... K Darley 18
3 0000 HELLO HOBSON'S 14 (D,G) R Bastiman 3-9-7 ... H Bastiman (7) 13
4 6005 BERNSTEIN BETTE 8 (CD,F,G,S) P Felgate 7-9-6 ... W Ryan 9
5 0305 WALK THAT WALK 7 (B,G) N Wingrove 4-9-5 ... R Lappin 17
6 0503 PATSY GRIMES 11 (B) M Muggeridge 3-9-5 Mark Denaro (7) 1
7 0023 DARUSSALAM 8 (D,BF,F,G,S) R Lee 6-9-3 ... D Pears (3) 11
8 2320 POYLE AMBER 14 M Blanshard 4-9-2 ... R Cochrane 14
9 5410 HEATHYARDS GEM 45 (D,G) R Hollinshead 3-9-1 ... S Perks 8
10 0554 APACHE MYTH 112 R Hannon 3-9-1 ... L Dettori 7
11 3050 LADY BROKER 11 A Bailey 3-8-11 ... A Tucker 16
12 6300 SEASON'S STAR 33 H Candy 3-8-9 Antoinette Armes (7) 21
13 5013 KINNEGAD KID 34 (D,S) R Ingram 4-8-9 ... N Gwilliams (5) 2
14 0080 TAKE IT IN CASH 10 R Dickin 4-8-7 ... C Rutter 3
15 6034 NAVARESQUE 10 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 8-8-7 ... – 4
16 000 VICTORIAS PASSION 24 J Glover 3-8-7 ... S D Williams (3) 10
17 040 PEA FORTY FIVE 24 K Morgan 3-8-4 ... A Proud 15
18 5034 SCARLET PRINCESS 61 (CD,S) R Hodges 5-8-1 ... F Norton 20
19 5000 WHYALLA RAIN 84 D Laing 3-7-10 ... J Lowe 19
20 0000 FORDALLIA 62 J Hetherton 3-7-10 ... N Kennedy (3) 6
21 4052 COLMAR 85 J Spearing 3-7-9 ... A Mackay 22
22 005 PETAL'S JARRED 46 Mrs J Ramsden 3-7-7 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 12

6-1 Darussalam, 8-1 Bernstein Bette, Patsy Grimes, Scarlet Princess, 10-1 Colmar, Poyle Amber, 12-1 Heathyards Gem, Apache Myth, 14-1 others.

4.00 BUNNY MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,260: 6f 15yd) (8)

1 620 LIME STREET BLUES 15 R Hannon 9-0 ... A McGlone 3
2 3403 MERLIN'S FIELD 25 R Hannon 9-0 ... L Dettori 4
3 232 PAONIC 33 (BF) L Cumani 9-0 ... R Cochrane 7
4 5002 RAPIER POINT 10 P Haslam 9-0 ... K Darley 6
5 0066 ROYAL INTERPRETER 24 (V) P McEntee 9-0 ... M Hills 8
6 320 TOM MORGAN 34 (BF) P Walwyn 9-0 ... D Holland 2
7 0003 WAAFED 18 (B) A Scott 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 5
8 0600 BOLDANDPRETTY 35 (B) P Kelleway 8-9 ... D Harrison 1

11-4 Paonic, 3-1 Waafed, 9-2 Rapier Point, 5-1 Tom Morgan, 6-1 Merlin's Field, 8-1 Lime Street Blues, 16-1 Boldandpretty, 25-1 Royal Interpreter.

4.30 FISKERTON MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: £3,494: 1m 54yd) (13)

1 60 ARAMON 10 G Lewis 3-9-0 ... B Russell (5) 2
2 FARAGINGO M Leach 3-9-0 ... S Webster 9
3 6000 HAYDON BRIDGE 15 P Harris 3-9-0 ... Paul Eddery 5
4 402 KESTON POND 15 G Bravery 3-9-0 ... L Dettori 10
5 0 MR PERKY 10 K White 3-9-0 ... T Wall 6
6 00 PINEAPPLE PRINCE 10 R Hodges 3-9-0 ... J Quinn 13
7 340 ARVOLA 25 J Gosden 3-8-9 ... L Dettori 3
8 FETES GALANTES L Cumani 3-8-9 ... R Cochrane 1
9 305 LADY SABINA 10 D O'Neill 3-8-9 ... C Rutter 7
10 4 MISS CHARLIE 33 A Bailey 3-8-9 ... A Mackay 8
11 -426 POCKET PIECE 14 (BF) M Stoute 3-8-9 ... W Ryan 4
12 4- PRIMA SINFONIA 378 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-9 ... D Holland 12
13 YA MAI A Stewart 3-8-9 ... A McGlone 11

11-4 Pocket Piece, 7-2 Arvola, 4-1 Fetes Galantes, 5-1 Keston Pond, 6-1 Prima Sinfonia, 10-1 Miss Charlie, Ya Mai, 16-1 Aramon, 20-1 others.

5.00 FISKERTON MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: £3,465: 1m 54yd) (12)

1 2205 RAFTERS 40 W Haggas 4-9-4 ... M Hills 5
2 6 DEVILS DEN 19 P Kelleway 3-9-0 ... D Harrison 9
3 03-0 MISSED FLIGHT 93 C Wall 3-9-0 ... G Duffield 2
4 260 PRIME OF LIFE 60 R Charlton 3-9-0 ... K Darley 1
5 0 RAVE-ON-HADLEY 8 A Bailey 3-9-0 ... W Hollick (7) 11
6 WEB OF STEEL T Casey 3-9-0 ... T Rogers 3
7 60 WEPY 25 A Scott 3-9-0 ... W R Swinburn 7
8 COOL ETOILE R Hollinshead 3-8-9 ... A Eddery (7) 6
9 FAVLIENT M Leach 3-8-9 ... J Lowe 12
10 5 PIPERS POOL 91 G Wragg 3-8-9 ... F Norton 4
11 42-6 POLAR MOON 40 B McMahon 3-8-9 ... J Fortune 10
12 SILVER MAPLE J Gosden 3-8-9 ... G Hind 8

11-4 Silver Maple, 3-1 Prime Of Life, 5-1 Pipers Pool, 6-1 Polar Moon, Rafters, 8-1 Wepy, 14-1 Devils Den, 20-1 Missed Flight, 25-1 others.

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KEMPTON PARK: 1.45 Allez Pablo. 4.15 Henbury Hall, Little Rousillon, Catch Me Starsky

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Pontefract

Going: good

2.10 (6f) 1, Nizaal (R Hills, 5-4 fav); 2, Zitta (3-1); 3, Tailcoat (6-1). 11 ran. 2l, 5l. H Thomson Jones. Tote £2.30; £1.10, £1.40, £2.00. DF £2.20. CSF £6.27.

2.40 (1m 4yd) 1, Northern Conqueror (D Harrison, 12-1); 2, Malcesine (20-1); 3, Essayeffsee (8-1). 4, Diaco (11-2 fav). 21 ran. NR: Foolish Touch. Nk, ½l. T Naughton. Tote £20.80; £4.10, £10.90, £1.50, £1.90. DF £895.50. CSF £247.02. Tricast: £1,907.99.

3.10 (5f) 1, Lucky Message (J Reid, 6-4 fav); 2, Mr Bergerac (7-2); 3, Fado Away (8-1). 7 ran. 1½l, 10l. J Etherington. Tote £2.20; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £3.10. CSF: £6.80.

3.40 (1m 4yd) 1, Arz (R Hills, 9-2); 2, Secret Serenade (12-1); 3, Phylian (20-1). Syabas 7-2 fav. 13 ran. 1½l, 1l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £6.00; £2.40, £5.10, £8.00. DF: £69.20. CSF: £57.29. Tricast: £920.37. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.10 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Cezanne (W Ryan, 7-2); 2, Bold Stroke (11-4 fav); 3, Amaze (9-1). 10 ran. 1½l, 2l. M Stoute. Tote £5.40; £1.60, £1.30, £3.00. DF: £6.50. CSF: £13.26. Tricast: £73.43.

4.40 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, Darrery (K Darley, 7-4 fav); 2, Trammel (9-1); 3, Winter Forest (15-8). 4 ran. 3½l, ¾l. M Stoute. Tote £2.30. DF: £5.80. CSF: £11.83.

5.10 (5f) 1, Millbank Challenger (S Maloney, 14-1); 2, Just Bob (11-1); 3, Saddlehome (5-1 fav); 4, Leigh Crofter (12-1). 18 ran. ½l, hd. M H Easterby. Tote: £41.70; £7.40, £2.40, £1.40, £4.20. DF: £282.30. Trio: £581.30. CSF: £156.67. Tricast: £813.36.

Placepot: £76.20.

3.15 (7f 15yd) 1, Guesstimation (G Bardwell, 6-1); 2, Salvatore Giuliano (7-1); 3, Panther (20-1). Thatched 4-1 fav. 10 ran. 1l, ¾l. J Pearce. Tote £5.40; £2.50, £3.70, £4.90. DF: £23.30. CSF: £41.32. Tricast: £691.24.

3.45 (5f) 1, Dockyard Dora (G Bardwell, 8-1); 2, Bold Time Monkey (14-1); 3, Colne Valley (6-4 fav). 6 ran. Nk, nk. M Brittain. Tote £8.80; £3.50, £3.20. DF: £19.90. CSF: £77.24.

4.15 (7f 15yd) 1, Thisonesforalice (J Lowe, 8-1); 2, Albert (9-2); 3, Kilnroum (6-1). Flying Wind 7-2 fav. 10 ran. 1½l, ½l. A Harrison. Tote: £12.60; £2.00, £1.60, £3.30. DF: £25.50. CSF: £40.20. Tricast: £210.16.

4.45 (1m 4f 31yd) 1, Kelimutu (G Bardwell, 9-4 fav); 2, Cliburnel News (5-1); 3, Moonshine Dancer (16-1). 11 ran. 3½l, 1½l. J Pearce. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £2.30, £5.10. DF: £13.30. CSF: £13.23. Tricast: £131.61.

Placepot: £813.30.

Edinburgh

Going: good to soft

2.15 (7f 15yd) 1, Shuttlecock (J Weaver, 5-1); 2, Celestial Dance (11-2); 3, Legal Train (10-1). Badger's Bend 4-1 fav. 12 ran. 4l, hd. P Haslam. Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £2.60, £2.20. DF: £16.00. CSF: £31.30. Tricast: £51.81.

2.45 (7f 15yd) 1, Miss Mah-Jong (J Weaver, 4-5 fav); 2, Glenlyon Duchess (25-1); 3, Woul (4-1). 8 ran. Sh hd, 2½l. M Johnston. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £4.70, £1.30. DF: £21.10. CSF: £18.34. Tricast: £51.81.

Folkestone

Going: good

1.50 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Armenian Coffee (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 2, Mo-Addab (6-1); 3, Wolfboll (25-1). Ice Repel 3-1 fav. 15 ran. ¾l, ½l. J Dunlop. Tote £5.00; £2.10, £3.40, £7.80. DF: £17.10. CSF: £34.26. Tricast: £630.95.

2.20 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Dancing Diamond (W Woods, 11-2); 2, Sky Burst (11-1); 3, Guv'nors Gift (7-4 fav). 15 ran. 10l, nk. C Wall. Tote: £9.70; £2.30, £3.20, £1.60. DF: £48.90. CSF: £67.83.

2.50 (6f 189yd) 1, Darling Destiny (T Sprake, 6-1); 2, Doliver (7-2); 3, Sarivaa (9-1). Devotee 6-4 fav. 12 ran. 3½l, 2½l. K Burke. Tote £6.70; £1.70, £1.80, £2.90. DF: £16.80. CSF: £26.47.

3.20 (6f) 1, Domicksky (B Doyle, 10-1); 2, Double Shift (12-1); 3, Kildee Lad (10-1); 4, Mark's Club (8-1). Umbria 9-2 fav. 16 ran. NR: Sea-Deer. Nk, 3l. M Channon. Tote £14.10; £2.10, £2.80, £2.50, £7.60. DF: £80.20. Trio: £231.20. CSF: £139.37. Tricast: £1,178.70.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1, Swift Romance (S Whitworth, 8-1); 2, Seama (3-1); 3, Milzig (5-4 fav). 12 ran. NR: Gweek. 10l, hd. B Millman. Tote £8.00; £1.90, £1.30, £1.20. DF: £11.60. CSF: £30.94.

4.20 (6f 189yd) 1, Chief Of Staff (Mrs L Pearce, 7-1); 2, Mad Welcome (25-1); 3, Oare Sparrow (3-1 fav). 16 ran. 2l, ½l. J Pearce. Tote £8.50; £2.00, £5.70, £1.80. DF: £99.00. CSF: £164.61. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £5,147.40.

Nottingham

Going: soft

2.00 (6f 15yd) 1, Nordan Raider (N Connorton, 9-4 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Roca Murada (10-1); 3, Our Rita (8-1). 11 ran. 1½l, hd. M Camacho. Tote £2.40; £1.30, £3.90, £2.80. DF: £55.40. CSF: £23.63.

2.30 (6f 15yd) 1, Steadfast Elite (W Carson, 7-2); 2, Dangerous Shadow (6-1); 3, Sister Susan (7-2). Douce Maison 5-2 fav. 11 ran. 1½l, 2l. J J O'Neill. Tote £4.60; £1.30, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £19.30. CSF: £25.36. Tricast: £75.41.

3.00 (6f 15yd) 1, Gneiss (Paul Eddery, 8-15 fav; Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Shikaree (12-1); 3, Aws (20-1). 21 ran. NR: Celtic Ceilidh. 10l, ¾l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote £1.70; £1.30, £4.40, £4.30. DF: £16.40. CSF: £10.23.

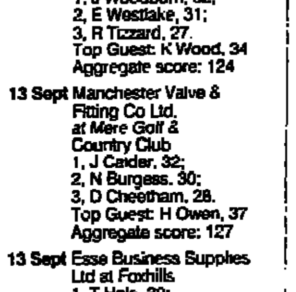
3.30 (1m 54yd) 1, Jaleica (L Dettori, 11-4 fav); 2, Wasiiq (11-2); 3, Bsheer (14-1). 17 ran. NR: Silence In Court. 3l, 1l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £1.60, £5.70. DF: £9.20. CSF: £19.41.

4.00 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Icy South (L Dettori, 6-1); 2, Blue Lion (6-1); 3, Salatin (7-4 jt-fav). Count Of Flanders 7-4 jt-fav. 6 ran. 2l, ½l. J Gosden. Tote: £10.20; £2.50, £2.00. DF: £15.40. CSF: £37.89.

4.30 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Mysliv (W Carson, 10-1); 2, Surrey Dancer (7-2 fav); 3, Swift Silver (12-1); 4, Gold Blade (6-1). 23 ran. 2l, 3½l. C Wall. Tote: £14.00; £3.50, £2.10, £3.00, £2.80. DF: £77.50. CSF: £48.73. Tricast: £424.08.

5.00 (2m 9yd) 1, Five To Seven (O Pears, 9-1); 2, Betty Knight (14-1); 3, Child Star (4-1); 4, Authorship (25-1). Guestwick 3-1 fav. 18 ran. NR: Manon Lescaut, Kovalevskia. ½l, 7l. S Norton. Tote: £7.30; £1.50, £3.80, £1.70, £4.50. DF: £51.90. CSF: £129.72. Tricast: £543.27.

Placepot: £66.00.



COMPANY GOLF DAY RESULTS

10 Sept Du Pont (UK) Ltd at Collingtree
1, W Burns, 29;
2, P Webster, 30;
3, C McCue, 31.
Top Guest: R Singer, 34
Aggregate score: 124

10 Sept D.O.G.S. Olivetti UK Ltd, at Kings Norton
1, D Puplett, 34;
2, G Conway, 33;
3, R Daley, 33.
Top Guest: M Webb, 40
Aggregate score: 140

13 Sept Edwin Hill & Partners, at Wentworth
1, J Woodburn, 32;
2, E Westlake, 31;
3, R Tizzard, 27.
Top Guest: K Wood, 34
Aggregate score: 124

13 Sept Manchester Valve & Fitting Co Ltd, at Mere Golf & Country Club
1, J Calder, 32;
2, N Burgess, 30;
3, D Cheetham, 28.
Top Guest: H Owen, 37
Aggregate score: 127

13 Sept Esse Business Supplies Ltd at Foxhills
1, T Hale, 30;
2, D Embury, 37;
3, J Organ, 34.
Top Guest: D Rand, 39
Aggregate score: 150

13 Sept MSL International at Royal Mid-Surrey
1, D Mather, 33;
2, D Lodge, 29;
3, J Spurling, 28.
Top Guest: B Godsell, 34
Aggregate 124

14 Sept The Boddington Pub Company, Green Drive Lytham
1, A Chapman, 37;
2, F Lloyd, 37;
3, I Morley, 36.
Top Guest: G Marlow, 40
Aggregate score: 150

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Time right for creating divisions in county championship cricket

Weaknesses spring up as changes take root



Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, reviews a season that examined the resolve of the domestic game

IT HAS been a chastening summer, with the shortcomings of English cricket being exposed equally by the domestic structure and the Australian touring party. But 1993 should not be thought a bad season, much less a sad one.

How could it be, when the Test grounds were packed to see a series of compelling matches in which a leg-spinner played a decisive part, when two knock-out cup finals produced spellbinding finishes and when, at the 31st year of trying, Glamorgan took a one-day trophy home to Wales?

This last achievement, won on a tumultuous Sunday in Canterbury, was still being celebrated in the valleys yesterday as the first-class season ended in contrasting calm and, for most, anti-climax.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middlesex (11)	17	11	1	5	37	59	272
*Worcs (17)	17	9	4	3	32	52	236
Glamorgan (14)	17	9	5	3	30	55	231
Northants (3)	17	8	4	5	25	59	222
Somerset (9)	17	8	7	2	26	58	213
Surrey (13)	17	6	6	5	40	60	196
*Notts (4)	17	6	3	7	34	56	194
Kent (2)	17	6	4	7	40	54	190
Leics (8)	17	6	5	6	33	61	180
Sussex (7)	17	5	7	5	42	54	176
Essex (1)	17	4	6	7	44	55	163
Yorkshire (16)	17	5	4	8	31	56	157
Hampshire (15)	17	4	5	8	39	47	150
Lancashire (12)	17	4	8	5	38	48	150
Derbyshire (5)	17	4	7	6	33	50	147
Warwicks (6)	17	4	8	5	24	49	137
Glouc's (10)	17	3	10	4	24	56	128
Durham (18)	17	2	10	5	29	52	113

(last season positions in parentheses)
**Includes 8 points for a tied match*

Middlesex had long since secured the championship; the final round of games, played to the traditional backdrop of rumour and unease as contracts were discussed, merely confirmed Worcestershire as runners-up.

More poignantly, it also condemned Durham to the wooden-spoon position for the second time in their two-year existence as a senior county. They had hoped for better, but the sane heads at the club always feared the worst. In these formative times, Durham have nothing substantial between the old hands and the local young bucks.

"In a three-day championship we might have won more games and finished higher," Geoff Cook, Durham's chief executive, said. "The four-day game exposed every weakness." He was not complaining, simply stating the facts.

A similar theme was explored by Graham Gooch, whose Essex side are more accustomed to finishing top of the championship than bottom. This year, they never raised a challenge. "You have to consistently bowl sides out twice now, because nobody gives you anything over four days," he said. "We didn't have the bowlers to compete."

Despite the trials of his own club, Gooch firmly believes that four-day cricket is the way ahead. "Given time, it will focus players, so that it doesn't just become a habit to play but something to look forward to. It will prepare the players better for Test cricket, and the best teams will usually win."

This was true, this summer, in as much as Middlesex were unarguably the team best equipped and best adjusted. More often than not, the margin of their superiority looked likely to be embarrassing. This not only reflected well on Middlesex but poorly on the opposition. The standard of English bowling was revealed in all its ordinariness and, if the quality of batting was not to be mocked, its execution often was.

Players raised on joke bowling, contrived targets and one-day methods are finding it difficult to make a sustained transition to serious cricket. It is not the technique of batting so much as acclimatising to the pace of the game that is elusive: batting slowly in four-day cricket is as self-defeating as batting too frenetically.

These skills will come in time, but the full benefits of four-day cricket will not be felt until the perennial problem of the quality of pitches is addressed. Poor surfaces are responsible for ruining more matches and more techniques than any other factor: good batsmen are undermined, poor bowlers are pampered, results are achieved falsely and prematurely.

As coach of both Kent and Western Australia, Daryl Foster is well placed to comment, and he believes the four-day experiment has suffered. Too many games finished too early because of the poor standard of wickets," he said. "That cannot be good for English cricket or for the four-day game itself."

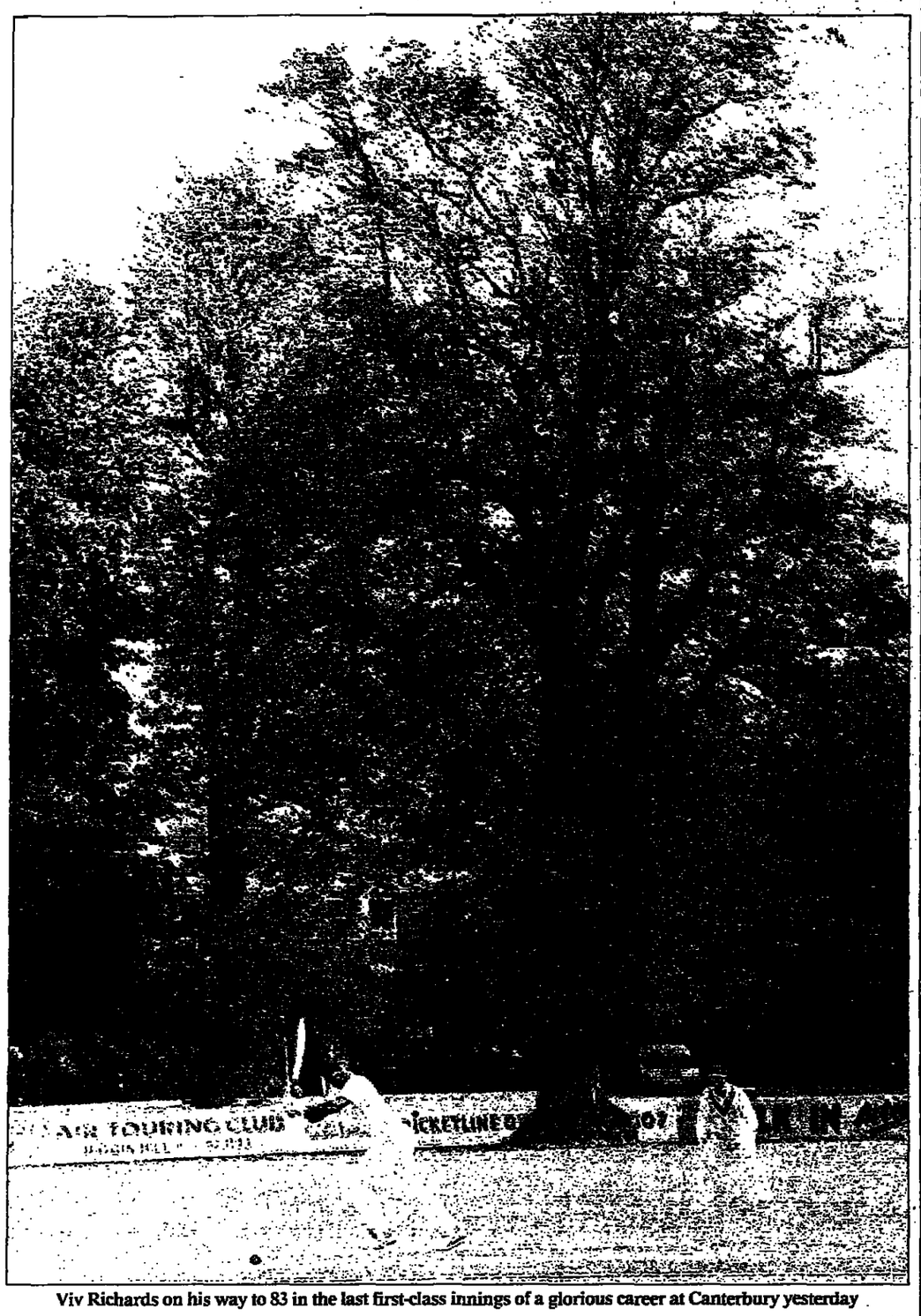
That the longer game has won approval, however, is evident from the silence of its former detractors. It is tacitly accepted that the championship is more authentic and the cricket more challenging. It can also be more rewarding to watch in the same way that, for true cricket followers, a Test match is more rewarding than a one-day international. But the spectator, like the player, first has to make a few adjustments.

Whether the present structure can be further improved is a matter that should exercise the Test and County Cricket Board this winter. It is not a new idea to restyle the championship in two divisions, and although it remains too radical a step for some, there has never been a better time to reconsider it.

Some traditional fixtures would be sacrificed, but this, surely, is now a small price to pay for creating a more competitive environment for all clubs rather than, as at present, only those few with prize-money at stake. Promotion and relegation would concentrate the minds, giving virtually every club prolonged incentive.

It will not happen for next season, however, and in all probability the format of 17 matches will run for some years to come. In the months ahead, then, there will be soul searching at several clubs who promised more than they achieved. Lancashire have already sought retribution with the head of the team manager, David Hughes, and there will be casualties elsewhere, for a number of leading clubs are in the wilderness.

It is 25 years since Yorkshire won the championship and, this year, they never featured at the business end of anything. Surrey, fading in the home straight yet again, have gone 11 years without a trophy and, despite their near-miss in the Sunday League, Kent have gone 15. Another shift in the balance of power has begun with the emergence of Glamorgan as the team of the season, a title for which a developing Sussex, fortified by Paul Jarvis, may be serious contenders this time next year.



Viv Richards on his way to 83 in the last first-class innings of a glorious career at Canterbury yesterday

Richards signs off with whirlwind display of hitting



Jarvis: Sussex-bound

BY ALAN LEE

Vivian Richards ended his Glamorgan sojourn, and probably his first-class career, by making 83 from 61 balls at Canterbury yesterday. Another dormant career, meanwhile, was being revived as Paul Jarvis, the England fast bowler released by Yorkshire, signed a three-year contract with Sussex.

For most at Canterbury, where the debris of a draining Sunday was still evident, it was simply the morning after the night before. For Richards, however, all passion was not quite spent. He had celebrated Glamorgan's Sunday League triumph with the best of them but, proud man that he is, there was still a ritual to perform.

Coming in at 25 for three, Richards launched into an array of extravagant cover-drives and pulls. His 50 came from 30 balls and he had made 83 of a stand with Cottey worth 106 in an hour when he lofted a catch to long-on.

Derbyshire could yet provide him with a third county next year; if not, he will ply his trade in the leagues, leaving the first-class stage with an aggregate of 36,212 runs and an average of 48.90.

Glamorgan finish third after losing by 236 runs yesterday but at Hove, where Sussex were achieving their fourth win since the start of August, the toast was to the future. Jarvis, 28 and with some prime years to come if a new environment provides the necessary spur, chose Hove from a dozen possible new bases. The persuasion was not money, for other clubs were prepared to pay more, but ambition. Sussex believe that, with Jarvis, they have a side equipped to challenge in every competition.

Graham Gooch signed off for the summer by hitting 114 in Essex's drawn match with Hampshire at Chelmsford, scoring two centuries in a match for the fourth time and passing 2,000 runs in a season for the fifth time in his career.

HONOURS BOARD

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Winners: Middlesex, £47,500. Second: Worcestershire, £23,750. Third: Glamorgan, £13,750. Fourth: Northamptonshire, £7,000. Fifth: Somerset, £3,500
NATWEST TROPHY: Winners: Warwickshire, £30,000. Runners-up: Sussex, £15,000. Losing semi-finalists: Somerset, Glamorgan, £7,500. Losing quarter-finalists: Yorkshire, Northants, Surrey, Worcestershire, £3,750
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Winners: Derbyshire, £30,000. Runners-up: Lancashire, £15,000. Losing semi-finalists: Northants, Leicestershire, £7,500. Losing quarter-finalists: Somerset, Sussex, Hampshire, Worcestershire, £3,750.
AXA EQUITY & LAW SUNDAY LEAGUE: Winners: Glamorgan, £30,000. Second: Kent, £15,000. Third: Surrey, £7,500. Fourth: Sussex, £3,750.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Leicestershire v Derbyshire

LEICESTER *(final day of four): Leicestershire (4pts) drew with Derbyshire (2)*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 213 (I G S Steer 67)

Second Innings

*K J Barnett not out	34
M J Vandrau lbw b Robinson	29
T J G O'Gorman not out	45
Extras (lb 1 w 2, nb 4)	7
Total (1 wkt dec)	175

FALL OF WICKET: 1-69

BOWLING: Wells 7-2-22-0; Pierson 10-7-8-0; Smith 4-2-5-0; Hepworth 6-1-23-0; Robinson 13.3-1-78-1; Boon 8-1-38-0

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 128 for 4 dec (P N Hepworth 50, S J Base 4 for 35)

Second Innings

T J Boon c Cork b Mortensen	0
P N Hepworth b Mortensen	16
*J J Whitaker b Warner	13
V J Wells not out	18
P E Robinson c Griffith b Warner	1
B F Smith c O'Gorman b Mortensen	13
†P A Nixon not out	0
Total (5 wkts)	61

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-29, 3-29, 4-30, 5-57

BOWLING: Mortensen 9-1-26-3; Warner 9-1-35-2.

Umpires: J W Holder and B J Meyer.

Durham v Somerset

HARTLEPOOL *(final day of four): Somerset (24pts) beat Durham (4) by five wickets*

SOMERSET: First Innings 352 (R J Harden 100, G D Rose 83)

Second Innings

A N Hayhurst c Greaney b Cummins	4
M N Lathwell c Fothergill b Brown	24
N A Folland b Bainbridge	9
*R J Harden b Bainbridge	28
I Fletcher c Larkins b Bainbridge	11
G D Rose not out	6
†R J Turner not out	0
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 14)	19
Total (5 wkts)	101

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-32, 3-64, 4-89, 5-94

BOWLING: Cummins 9-2-40-1; Brown 6-0-25-1; Bainbridge 4.2-1-31-3; Graveney 2-1-1-0

DURHAM: First Innings 194 (J A Daley 73, A R Caddick 6 for 73)

Second Innings

G Fowler c Lathwell b Mushtaq	19
W Larkins lbw b Rose	17
P W G Parker c Turner b Mushtaq	47
S J E Brown c Rose b Mushtaq	0
S Hutton c Rose b Mushtaq	32
P Bainbridge c Hayhurst b Rose	51
J A Daley lbw b Rose	24
A C Cummins c Harden b Rose	22
†A R Fothergill lbw b Rose	0
*D A Graveney not out	8
M M Betts c Turner b Caddick	4
Extras (lb 10, lb 1, w 1, nb 22)	34
Total	258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-80, 3-84, 4-115, 5-145, 6-217, 7-232, 8-232, 9-247.

BOWLING: Caddick 23-6-63-1; Rose 13-1-46-5; Mullender 10-1-39-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 26-10-63-4; van Troost 7-0-36-0.

Bonus points: Durham 4, Somerset 8

Umpires: B Leadbeater and N T Plews

Surrey v Yorkshire

THE OVAL *(final day of four): Surrey (4pts) drew with Yorkshire (3)*

SURREY: First Innings 359 for 7 dec (A J Hollioake 85, M A Butcher 66, G P Thorpe 80, A J Stewart 58)

Second Innings forfeited

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 30 for no wkt dec

Second Innings

P Carrick not out	14
D Byas not out	8
Extras (nb 8)	8
Total (no wkt)	30

BOWLING: Murphy 2-2-0-0; Butcher 2-0-3-0; Brown 1-0-6-0; Bicknell 1-0-21-0

Umpires: J H Harris and R Palmer

Lancashire v Northamptonshire

OLD TRAFFORD *(final day of four): Lancashire (6pts) drew with Northamptonshire (5)*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 277 (N H Fairbrother 110, M Watkinson 67, C E L Ambrose 4 for 86, J P Taylor 6 for 82)

Second Innings 392 for 8 dec (G Yates 134, J P Crawley 103)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 240 (A J Lamb 67, R J Bailey 55, Wasim Akram 5-63)

Second Innings

A Fordham c Lloyd b Wasim	6
N A Felton not out	72
A R Roberts c Watkinson b Wasim	3
R J Bailey not out	71
Extras (lb 2, lb 5, nb 2)	9
Total (2 wkts)	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-16.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 11-1-31-2; DeFreitas 10-4-21-0; Barnett 17.3-3-83-0; Watkinson 8-2-10-0; Yates 2-0-9-0

Umpires: P W Wight and J C Balderstone

Kent v Glamorgan

CANTERBURY *(final day of four): Kent (24pts) beat Glamorgan (2) by 236 runs*

KENT: First Innings: 524 for 6 dec (C L Hooper 236 not out, T R Ward 137, N J Llong 62, M A Ealham 50)

Second Innings: 95 for 2 dec (M V Fleming 81)

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 144 (P A Cottey 79)

Second Innings

A Dale b Iggleden	2
*H Morris c Marsh b Headley	0
†C P Metson lbw b Headley	14
P A Cottey c Headley b Patel	53
I V A Richards c Fulton b Hooper	83
D L Hemp b Patel	12
R D B Croft c Marsh b Headley	0
M P Maynard c Marsh b Headley	0
R P Lefebvre b Iggleden	49
S L Watkin c Fleming b Iggleden	9
S Bastien not out	3
Extras (b 5, lb 6, nb 2)	14
Total	239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-4, 3-25, 4-131, 5-162, 6-162, 7-162, 8-186, 9-212.

BOWLING: Iggleden 12.2-3-45-3, Headley 16-2-97-4, Hooper 6-0-26-1, Ealham 2-0-16-0, Patel 8-1-43-2.

Umpires: D J Constant and G A Stickley

Sussex v Gloucestershire

HOVE *(final day of four): Sussex (24pts) beat Gloucestershire (7) by ten wickets*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 304 (S G Hinks 66; I D K Salisbury 5 for 81)

Second Innings

B C Broad b Hemmings	26
S G Hinks c Moores b Hemmings	16
R I Dawson c Moores b Hemmings	24
M W Alleyne c Speight b Salisbury	0
T H C Hancock c Moores b Salisbury	1
M G N Windows lbw b Law	37
†R C Russell c Moores b Stephenson	28
*M C J Ball c and b Salisbury	4
*C A Walsh c Wells b Salisbury	10
K E Cooper not out	2
A M Babington c Speight b Stephenson	0
Extras (lb 7, lb 4, nb 18)	29
Total	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-78, 3-83, 4-102, 5-116, 6-150, 7-155, 8-163, 9-177.

BOWLING: Stephenson 7.3-2-14-2; Hemmings 29-11-46-3, Salisbury 28-4-99-4; Law 4-1-7-1.

SUSSEX: First Innings 355 (M P Speight 114, N J Lenham 105; K E Cooper 6 for 93)

Second Innings

N J Lenham retired hurt	24
C W J Athey not out	57
D M Smith not out	34
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 10)	13
Total (no wkt)	128

BOWLING: Walsh 7-1-23-0; Cooper 6-1-19-0; Ball 9-2-32-0, Babington 5-0-18-0, Alleyne 5-1-9-0; Broad 1-0-1-0; Hinks 1-0-2-0; Russell 1.5-0-15-0; Hancock 1-0-2-0; Windows 1-0-3-0; Dawson 1-0-2-0.

Umpires: K E Palmer and P Willey.

Essex v Hampshire

CHELMSFORD *(final day of four): Essex (6pts) drew with Hampshire (7)*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 347 (D I Gower 134; P M Such 5 for 85, J H Childs 4 for 89)

Second Innings

V P Terry b Ilott	87
T C Middleton c Shahid b Such	16
K D James c Prichard b Childs	54
D I Gower b Such	25
*M C J Nicholas c Prichard b Such	11
R M F Cox b Such	2
†A N Aymes not out	15
S D Udal c Prichard b Such	5
K J Shine c Rollins b Ilott	6
J N B Bovill not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 4, nb 12)	19
Total (8 wkts dec)	240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-134, 3-182, 4-202, 5-210, 6-212, 7-233, 8-240

BOWLING: Ilott 10-5-18-2; Andrew 17-2-66-0; Childs 21-5-79-1; Such 27-5-71-5; Stephenson 1-0-9-0

ESSEX: First Innings 268 (G A Gooch 109, N Hussain 102; S D Udal 4 for 77)

Second Innings

*P J Prichard c Nicholas b Bovill	2
J P Stephenson c Gower b Udal	43
G A Gooch c James b Udal	114
N Hussain c Terry b Udal	5
J J B Lewis not out	10
N Shahid c and b Flint	10
†R J Rollins not out	6
Extras (lb 2, w 4)	6
Total (6 wkts)	196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-132, 3-167, 4-168, 5-183.

BOWLING: Shine 6-1-32-0; Bovill 7-3-16-1; Flint 22.2-2-60-1; Udal 17-3-70-3, James 4-0-16-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G Sharp

No play yesterday

TRENT BRIDGE *(final day of four)*: Warwickshire 172 for 2 (A J Moles 57) v Nottinghamshire. Nottinghamshire (no pts) drew with Warwickshire (0).

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Lewis predicts swift defeat for Bruno

LENNOX Lewis gave a clear indication yesterday that he felt he could beat Frank Bruno well inside the distance, probably in three or four rounds, when they meet at Cardiff Arms Park on October 1 (Srikumar Sen writes). The World Boxing Council heavyweight champion has just returned from Washington, where he has been training for six weeks, and told a press conference in London that Bruno would be an easier opponent that Gary Mason.

Lewis stopped Mason in seven rounds after dominating their bout 2½ years ago. "Now I've got that little more experience behind me. I look at this fight as being a lot easier," Lewis said. "I have prepared harder for this fight than for any other." Lewis confirmed that the right hand he damaged before the bout with Tony Tucker was in good order after an operation. "I have both hands firing and no trouble," he said. Ticket sales have picked up after a slow start, with 20,364 having been purchased.

Ban on judges lifted

ICE SKATING: Six senior judges unexpectedly suspended last June and banned from all competition next season, including the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, have been reinstated. The International Skating Union's (ISU) appeals panel, meeting in Zurich, interviewed each of them personally before clearing them, thus averting a disagreement between the ISU and several leading skating nations. The reinstatement means that Britain will have to surrender the place on the Olympics judges' panel it had gained. The six judges from the United States, Russia, France, the Czech Republic, Finland and Ukraine had been penalised for awarding a Russian couple, Oksana Grishchuk and Yevgeniy Platov, the silver medal at the world championships in March.

Kankkunen in control

MOTOR RALLYING: Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, continued his domination of the Australian Rally yesterday, increasing his lead over Colin McRae, of Scotland, by 28 seconds to 1min 47sec. In the first nine stages of the third day of the world championship event, Kankkunen's Toyota Celica recorded seven of the fastest times. McRae set the fastest times in his Subaru Legacy in the other two stages. Kankkunen, winner of the rally three times and runner-up last year, appears in an unbeatable position, barring mishap, with eight stages remaining.

Dickson disqualified

YACHTING: Chris Dickson, the skipper of Tokio, the New Zealand entry for the Whitbread Round the World Race, which starts on Saturday, saw his yacht disqualified from the 33,000-mile event yesterday by scrutineers for the 60ft class. The former skipper of Japan's America's Cup challenger, Nippon, believed he had found a loophole in the tightly controlled sail-plan rules governing the new Whitbread class by developing a cross between a spinnaker and a genoa for close reaching in all but the strongest of winds.

Early exit by Walker

SQUASH: Chris Walker, Britain's world No 9, was controversially beaten in the first round of the Dubai Classic yesterday by Anthony Hill, of Australia. Walker twice recovered from being a game down to lead 14-13 with match point in the decider, but a disputed refereeing decision went in favour of Hill and he then went on to a 15-5, 12-15, 15-10, 11-15, 17-14 victory with three successive winners. Mark Maclean, Scotland's top player, was another first-round casualty, losing 15-13, 15-9, 8-15, 15-6 to Craig van der Wath, the Manchester-based South African.

Davis switches on cue

SNOOKER: Steve Davis has unexpectedly abandoned the cue with which he captured all six of his world titles and the switch appears to have enhanced his form. In Blackpool yesterday, Davis reached the 32-man final stages of the £140,000 Regal Welsh Open with a 5-1 victory over Karl Burrows, of London, using the two-piece, custom-made cue. Ronnie O'Sullivan, 17, who was not born when Davis began the lucrative partnership with his original cue, confirmed his status as the game's brightest prospect with a 5-1 victory over Neal Foulds.

Chance for Hunter

RUGBY UNION: Ian Hunter and Scott Hastings, who returned from New Zealand early after being injured on the British Isles tour in the summer, have been given the chance to maintain their recoveries by playing for the Barbarians against Exeter on September 28, in a match to celebrate 100 years of rugby on the County Ground.

BARBARIANS: I Hunter (Northampton and England); S Geogehan (London Irish and Ireland), R Bidgood (Newport and Wales), S Hastings (Watsonians and Scotland), C Glasgow (Heriot's FP); E Elwood (Lansdowne and Ireland), A Nicol (Dundee HSFP and Scotland); M Linnett (Moseley and England), G Dawe (Bath and England), P Clohessy (Young Munster and Ireland), A Reed (Bath and Scotland), S Lloyd (Moseley), E Peters (Bath), D McIvor (Edinburgh Acad and Scotland), A Robinson (Bath and England).

Connolly makes debut

RUGBY LEAGUE: Gary Connolly, the Great Britain centre, and the third costliest player in history after a £250,000 move from St Helens, will make his Stones Bitter championship debut for Wigan against Widnes on Friday, shortly after arriving back from Australia (Christopher Irvine writes). Connolly, 22, narrowly failed in his attempt to become the sixteenth British player to appear in a Sydney Grand final after Canterbury-Bankstown, with whom he has had a highly impressive summer, lost the Winfield Cup preliminary final to Brisbane at the weekend.

CROSSWORD

Answers from page 40

BOR

(a) An East Anglian form of address = neighbour, gossip, etc. From the OE *būr* as in *neighbour*, *cf.* the similar use of the dutch *buur*: "Co' bor, let's go a sticking in the Squire's plantations." "Aye, bor, so we will."

DEADMAN'S FINGERS

(b) A local name for various species of *Orchis*, properly those with palmate tubers, as *O. maculata* and *latifolia*. In Shakespeare, probably the Early Purple Orchis, *Orchis mascula*. Shakespeare, *Hamlet*: "... and long purples,/ That liberal shepherds give a grosser name,/ But our cold maids do dead men's fingers call them."

BARTON

(c) A farmyard, originally in OE a threshing-floor; also a demesne farm, the demesne lands of a manor, not let out to tenants, but retained for the lord's own use; also an enclosure for poultry, and used as a translation of *cavaedium*, the inner courtyard of a Roman house. From the OE *bere-tūin* a barley enclosure. Southey: "Spacious bartons clean, well-wall'd around./ Where all the wealth of rural life was found."

RATH

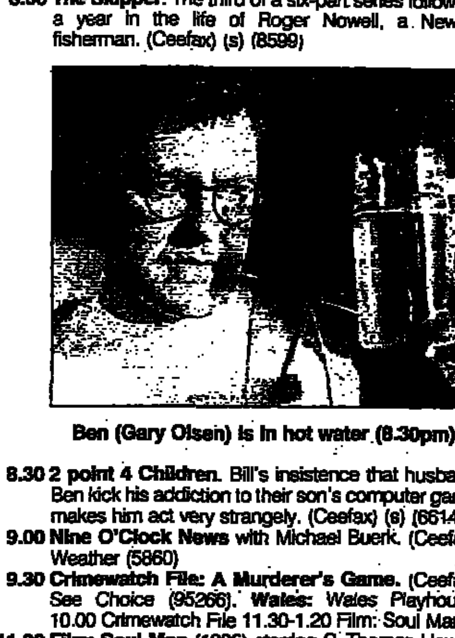
(a) In Irish archaeology, an enclosure (usually of a circular form) made by a strong earthen wall, and serving as a fort and place of residence for the chief of a tribe; a hill-fort, often incorrectly ascribed to the Danes. From the Irish word, now pronounced *rū*. "The 'good people' still linger around the raths and glens."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The white knight hops in with 1 Nd6! with dual threats of 2 Rxc5 and 2 Nf5.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (50402)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (33341063)
9.05 Best of British. Clips from films illustrating female resourcefulness including *Hobson's Choice, The L-Shaped Room* and *The Lady With the Lamp* (1807131)
9.30 Liberal Democrats Live. Coverage of the second day of the proceedings at Torquay which includes the debate on workers' rights and unemployment (s) (97006)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather *(1570266)* **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7340841) **10.30 Rupert** narrated by Ray Brooks (r) (1753624)
10.35 Liberal Democrats Live. Further coverage from Torquay (s). Includes **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (59615421) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29431976)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (94773)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (61971537) **1.50 Going for Gold** presented by Henry Kelly (s) (61975353)
2.15 Film: Winner Take All (1975) starring Shirley Jones. Drama about a woman who is a compulsive gambler, an addiction that threatens her second marriage after ruining her first. Directed by Paul Bogart (303976)
3.50 Tales of the Tooth Fairies. Animation (4781537) **3.55 Moomin** (8228334) **4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTed** (r) (8505841) **4.35 Run the Risk.** Last in the game show series (r) (s) (1129315)
5.00 Newsround (5349228) **5.10 Grange Hill.** Episode three of the comprehensive school drama (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2397841)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (277353). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) Weather (353)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (605). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 The Brittas Empire. Comedy series starring Chris Barrie as the manager of a council-run leisure centre (r). *(Ceefax) (s) (2179).* **Wales:** 6 of One
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (889)
8.00 The Skipper. The third of a six-part series following a year in the life of Roger Nowell, a Newlyn fisherman. (Ceefax) (s) (8599)

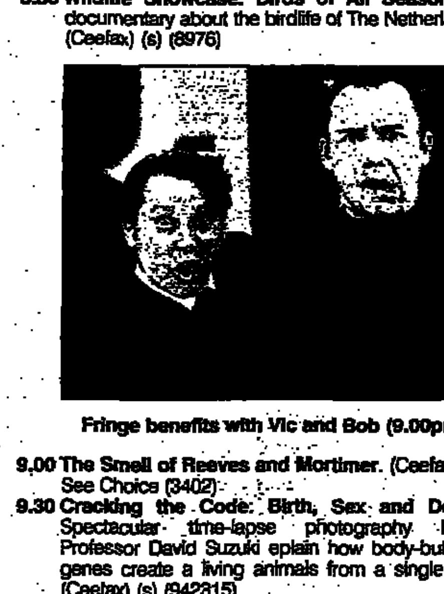


Ben (Gary Olsen) is in hot water (8.30pm)

8.30 2 point 4 Children. Bill's insistence that husband Ben kick his addiction to their son's computer game makes him act very strangely. (Ceefax) (s) (6614)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (5860)
9.30 Crimewatch File: A Murderer's Game. (Ceefax) See Choice (95266). **Wales:** Wales Playhouse 10.00 Crimewatch File 11.30-1.20 Film: Soul Man
11.00 Film: Soul Man (1986) starring C. Thomas Howell and Rae Dawn Chang. Comedy about a white Harvard-bound student who is refused a subsidy by his parents. He discovers that there is a bursary for disadvantaged blacks and decides to darken himself. Directed by Steve Miner. (Ceefax) (676711). **Northern Ireland:** Country Times 11.25-1.05am Film: Soul Man
12.40am **Weather** (5931174). *Ends at* **12.45**
3.15-3.45 BBC Select: Legal Network Television. Scrambled (62483)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (2812082)
8.00 Breakfast News (3326173)
8.15 Reviving Antiques. Advice on cleaning corroded brass (3467773) **8.20 Six More English Towns.** Alec Clifton-Taylor visits Saffron Walden, Essex (r) (6238841) **9.00 The History Man.** How people kept warm in medieval times (r) (6129315)
9.05 Daytime on Two: Standard Grade Geography (4697334) **9.25** Mathsphere (4677570) **9.45** You and Me (3485957) **10.00** Movable Feasts (7789860) **10.15** Look and Read (5333353) **10.35** O & A (2390650) **10.45** Mathscope (2295006) **11.00** Watch (4832689) **11.15** Thunderbirds in French (3398957) **11.20** English Express (4836605) **11.40** The Spanish Collection (8847315) **12.05** History File (1792773) **12.25** Lifeschool (4418222) **12.50** Teaching Today: The Management Of Pupil Behaviour (2696889) **1.20** Fireman Sam (74152131) **1.30** The Family Ness (52670773) **1.35** PC Pinkerton (52679044) **1.40** Hawk's Eye: House and Home (61953131)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60384518) **2.05 You and Me** (60469529)
2.15 Liberal Democrats Live from Torquay. Includes the debate on the Sheehy Report (s). With **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (19873745)
5.30 Film: The Fourth Wish (1976) starring John Meillon and Robert Bettles. Australian drama about a father who tries to grant his seriously ill son's every wish. Directed by Don Chaffey (75436773)
7.15 World Chess Championships. Peter Snow *reports on the rival competitions in London and* Zwolle, The Netherlands (s) (270179)
7.45 Jools' Gems. Highlights from Jools Holland's musical series. Includes performances from Leonard Cohen, Lenny Kravitz and Gloria Estefan (s) (785860)
8.30 Wildlife Showcase: Birds of All Seasons. A documentary about the birdlife of The Netherlands. (Ceefax) (s) (8976)



Fringe benefits with Vic and Bob (9.00pm)

9.00 The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (3402)
9.30 Cracking the Code: Birth, Sex and Death. Spectacular time-lapse photography helps Professor David Suzuki eplain how body-building genes create a living animals from a single cell. (Ceefax) (s) (942315)
10.20 10 x 10: Galleria. A science fiction comedy made by students of the Royal College of Art, starring Jason Donovan. (Ceefax) (s) (777095)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (977421)
11.15 The Late Show: Telling the Troubles (s). See Choice (544529) **11.55 Weather** (734228)
12.00 Bidding for the Olympics. The story of Manchester's efforts to host the Oympic Games in the year 2000 (81990). Ends at **12.30am**

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CHOICE

The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer
BBC2, 9.00pm

Having successfully exploited their surreal and anarchic comedy on Channel 4, Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer cross to the BBC. I cannot admit to being a huge fan but half an hour of assorted lunacy has its attractions. In a sense the show is a subversion of all other variety shows. It not only draws attention to the cheap sets and lack of guest stars but thrives on doing without them. The level of comic invention is often *high, owing not a little to Spike Milligan* and the Goons. Milligan would surely relish the sketch which has two men in a field wallpapering a cow. And even when Reeves and Mortimer fall back on parodying TV programmes, as they do tonight with *Food and Drink*, the result is gloriously unconventional.



Reconstruction of the Sams case (BBC1, 9.30pm)

Crimewatch File: A Murderer's Game
BBC1, 9.30pm

The *Crimewatch* series gives itself an oblique pat on the back by reconstructing the case of Michael Sams, killer of Julie Dart and kidnapper of Stephanie Slater. Detectives had been hunting Sams for seven months when in February 1992 *Crimewatch* played a tape-recording of his voice. It was recognised by his former wife, Susan Oake. She admits on the film that at first she hung back, worried about the effect on her children who were also his. But she told the police and the hunt was over. The programme uses a mixture of actors and real people, including police officers and witnesses, to tell the story from the moment when Julie Dart went missing. The case is possibly unique in featuring a ransom demand made against the police.

The Late Show: Telling the Troubles
BBC2, 11.15pm

As a trailer to *Love Lies Bleeding*, a film to be shown on BBC2 tomorrow, Sarah Dunant introduces a debate over the portrayal of the Northern Ireland conflict by novelists and film-makers. The argument is whether the troubles are being exploited for a good story or whether creative artists are able to reveal deeper and perhaps more uncomfortable truths than the daily news coverage. The contributors include Neil Jordan, *director of The Crying Game, the actor Stephen Rea* and the thriller writer M.S. Power. Ronan Bennett, who wrote *Love Lies Bleeding*, speaks from both sides of the fence. Before he became a writer he was a political activist who served time in Long Kesh prison, though his conviction was later quashed.

Whicker's World: The Sun King
ITV, 10.40pm

Alan Whicker is back in the rich person's playground of Sun City, South Africa, where *last* week he helped to judge the Miss World contest. If that was a shallow exercise, tonight's film looks like going the same way. Indeed it could be seen as a plug for a very wealthy man who does not need the publicity. Sol Kerzner, the creator of Sun City, is an archetypal Whicker subject, the self-made millionaire. From an immigrant family of Russian Jews, he is a small, dumpy man with a violent temper. But he is nice enough to Whicker, whom he calls Alan. The profile is saved from being a *PR exercise by Whicker's ability to slip in the sharp* question, as when he tackles Kerzner about apartheid and his unhappy private life. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment. The guests include Jodie Hanson, Louis Emerick and Tony Armatrading from the cast of *Brookside* (5503204)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Game show set in a supermarket (s) (1803315) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7366889)
10.00 The Time ... The Place... Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (8686841)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (97751565) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6645315)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (2607995)
12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (2682686) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama. (Teletext) (66539421) **1.55 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (61969792)
2.20 ITN News headlines (60391808) **2.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (60390179)
2.30 Gardener's Diary presented by John Ravenscroft (792) **3.00 The Young Doctors.** Drama set in an Australian city hospital (5266)
3.30 The Riddlers. Puppet adventures (3785624) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (8794583) **3.50 Cartoon** featuring Roadrunner (r) (2394547) **4.00 Rubbish King Of the Jumble.** Last in the series narrated by Alexei Sayle (s) (8510773) **4.15 Captain Zed and the Zee Zone** (r) (s) (8365808) **4.40 Children's Ward.** Drama serial set in a general hospital (r) (Teletext) (s) (1263315)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2885792)
5.40 **News** *(Teletext) and weather (878131)*
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (11889)
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales (Teletext) (7247)
7.30 Who Cares Wins. The last in the documentary series about children in care in Britain (s) (957)
8.00 The Bill: No Place Like Home. A persistent young offender attacks a respectable resident of an estate near the unit from which she has absconded. Chief Insp Conway is the only person who can get through to her. (Teletext) (6995)
8.30 Brighton Belles. British version of the American comedy hit *The Golden Girls*. Starring Sheila Hancock, Wendy Craig, Sheila Gish and Jean Boht. (Teletext) (s) (5402)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier. Part three of the 13-part drama series about army life. The officers of "A" Company have the task of rebuilding morale after the death of Vinny Bowles. (Teletext) (5112)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (86605) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (726889)

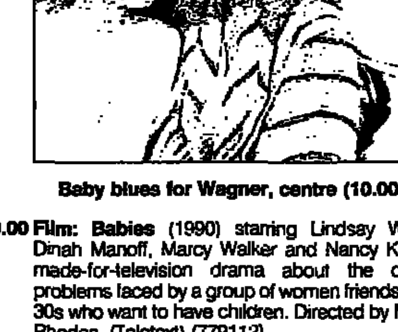


Alan Whicker meets Sol Kerzner (10.40pm)

10.40 Whicker's World: The Sun King. (Teletext) (s). See Choice (346614)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (495709)
12.30am The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews, presented by Mariella Frostrup (83385)
1.30 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (42648)
2.00 Film: The Cops and Robin (1978) starring Ernest Borgnine and Michael Shannon. Science fiction drama about a policeman and his robot partner assigned to protect the daughter of a murdered colleague. Directed by Allen Reisner (s) (30071)
4.00 **The Beat** *(r) (s) (78613)*
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (91984)
5.30 ITN Morning News (86445). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Cartoon adventures of a cat (2642711) **6.45 Wowser** Canine capers (4191402)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (17624)
9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (96082)
9.30 Schools (382711)
12.00 Profiles of Nature: Woodpeckers. The colourful birds filmed in North America (83518)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series. The guest is singer Johnny Cash (r) (46266)
1.30 Alfred J. Kwak. Animated adventures of a musical duck (r) (26711)
2.00 Film: Where's That Fire? (1939, b/w) starring Will Hay, Moore Marriott and Graham Moffatt. Vintage comedy about a village's incompetent fire crew who have the chance to redeem themselves after being threatened with the sack when they uncover a plot to steal the crown jewels. Directed by Marcel Varnel (2278773)
3.20 Spring Tunes. Animation from Zagreb in which a boy violinist and Mendelssohn's music help to overcome a tyrant (5144860)
3.30 The Times World Chess Championship. Action from the 24-match championship between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short, from the Savoy Theatre, London (73808)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (570)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are women who have given birth in dangerous situations, among them, while being held hostage by a deranged gunman and on the floor of a bus the woman had been driving. (Teletext) (s) (9960792)
5.50 Salome. An Italian cartoon directed by Maurizio Forestieri about three pigs and a salami sausage (393131)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. American comedy series starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber (r) (173)
6.30 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy from America (r). (Teletext) (s) (315)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (787063)
7.50 Comment. Three regular cyclists on the pros and cons of wearing a cycle helmet (832150)
8.00 The Times World Chess Championship. Further coverage of the Garry Kasparov/Nigel Short contest from the Savoy Theatre, London (4537)
8.30 Pacific Station. American police comedy series starring Robert Guillaume. (Teletext) (s) (3044)
9.00 D.W. Griffith: Father of Film. The final documentary of the series focuses on Griffith's French Revolution epic *Orphans of the Storm* and why the Hollywood establishment awarded him an *Oscar but no work for the last 17 years of his life.* (Teletext) (s) (6082)



Baby blues for Wagner, centre (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Babies (1990) starring Lindsay Wagner, Dinah Manoff, Marcy Walker and Nancy Kwan. A made-for-television drama about the different problems faced by a group of women friends in their 30s who want to have children. Directed by Michael Rhodes. (Teletext) (779112)
11.50 The Times World Chess Championship. Analysis of the day's play (946841)
12.20am Gaelic Games 1993. Jim Neilly introduces *highlights of the All Ireland Gaelic Football final* between Derry and Cork at Croke Park, Dublin (3507648). Ends at **1.25**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Alan Parker's 29 Minutes of Truth **9.00** The Atlantic Records Story (r) **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Chris Stuart **7.00** The Reluctant Jester **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Why Should the Devil Have All the Best Players? See Choice **10.00** Ironic Maidens **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Charles Nove **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Infant Science See for Yourself; **9.10** Radio Numbertime; **9.20** First Steps in Drama; **9.35** Worldplay; **9.45** Singing Together, **10.05** Time to Move **12.30pm** Labour of Love **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Planet Park **7.15** Pigeon Summer, by Ann Turnbull. Read by Gillian Bevan (2/5) **7.30** Football Plus **10.00** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: *Jean de Florette* **5.45** On Screen **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** One Blood A History of Jamaican Music **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** A World of Its Own *9.00 News 9.10 Words* of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Looney Tunes **10.30** On Screen **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Discovery **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: *Jean de Florette* **3.45** The Cello on Record **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sports *Roundup Midnight News* **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Concert Hall **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Poems by Post **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Development '93 **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am *Nick Bailey* **9.00** *Henry Kelly* **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Gershwin (Piano Concerto in F Howard Shelley: Philharmonia under Yan Pascal Tortelier) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** The Classic Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Gustav Holst. A Fugal Overture (London Festival Orchestra under Ross Pople); St Paul's Suite (Royal PO under Alan Barlow); Suite, The Planets (Philharmonia Orchestra under William Boughton) **10.00** Sarah Ward **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Wendy Lloyd

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61969792) **2.30-3.00** Vet School (792) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2885792) **6.00** Home And Away (665860) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (982595) **7.30-8.00** Countrywide (957) **11.40** Anglia Sports Special (498624) **12.35am** Film: Intrigue (584342) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (7237396) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (2592551) **4.15** Nite Bites (43971396) **4.30** Riviera (82364071) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8288396)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (61969792) **2.30** Vet School (792) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (5266) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (2885792) **6.00** Home *And Away (665860) 6.25-7.00 Central News* (662995) **7.30-8.00** Heart Of The Country (957) **10.40** Central Sports Special (346614) **11.40** Whicker's World: The Sun King (198112) **12.40am** Married...With Children (3332358) **1.05** Love And War (5946006) **1.35** Take 15 (7623687) **1.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5761777) **2.20** The Big E (9137342) **3.15** The Beat (2404342) **4.10** Jobfinder (7699984) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (1115358)

GRANADA
As London except: 2.30 Vet School (792) **3.00-3.30** Sons And Daughters (5266) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (2885792) **6.00** Home And Away (421) **6.30** Granada Tonight (935265) **6.55-7.00** Manchester Live (794131) **7.30-8.00** Cowley High (957) **10.30** Granada News (898452) **10.35-10.40** Manchester Live (943781) **12.35am** Film: Intrigue (584342) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (7237396) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (2592551) **4.15** Nite Bites (43971396) **4.30** Riviera (82364071) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.30-3.00 Vet School (792) **6.00** HTV News (421) **6.30-7.00** Billy (773). **7.30-8.00** Challenge Of The Seas (957) **12.35am** Film: Intrigue (584342) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (7237396) **3.20** The *ITV Chart Show (2592551) 4.15 Nite Bites* (43971396) **4.30** Riviera (82364071) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8288396)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (421) **6.30-7.00** 4 x 4 (773) **7.30-8.00** On The Road With Elinor (957) **11.40-12.35pm** Top Sport (498624)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.30 Vet School (792) **3.00-3.30** Shortland Street (5266) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (421) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (773) **7.30-8.00** Loud And Clear (957) **11.40-12.30pm** The Equalizer (495709)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.30-3.00 Vet School (792) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (582150) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (773) **7.30-8.00** Love And War (957) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (726889) **11.40** Tyne Tees Sports Special (198112) **12.40am** The Equalizer (7996006) **1.35** The Little Picture Show (6024261) **2.35** Sledge Hammer (8727551) **3.05** 60 Minutes (2588358) **4.00** Countdown (9835303) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8288396)

ULSTER
As London except: 2.30-3.00 Vet School (792) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live At Six (11889) *7.30-8.00 School Around The Corner (957)* **10.30-10.40** UTV Live (726889) **11.40** Pro Box Classics (498624) **12.35am** Film: Intrigue (584342) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (7237396) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (2592551) **4.15** Nite Bites (43971396) **4.30** Riviera (82364071) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8288396)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55-2.20 The Young Doctors (61969792) **2.30** Vet School (792) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (5266) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (11889) **7.30-8.00** The Champions (957) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (726889) **12.30am** My Story (5937358) **12.35** Film: Intrigue (584342) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (7237396) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (2592551) **4.15** Nite Bites (43971396) **4.30** Riviera (82364071) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.30-3.00 Vet School (792) **5.55** Calendar (273537) **6.25** Crimestoppers Update (925889) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (773) **7.30-8.00** Love And War (957) **11.40** Film: The Naked Face (801570) **1.35am** The Little Picture Show (6024261) **2.35** Sledge Hammer (8727551) **3.05** 60 Minutes (2588358) **4.00-4.55** Countdown (9835303)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (17624) *9.00 You Bet Your Life (96082) 9.30 Schools* (382711) **12.00pm** High 5 (83518) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (94112) **1.00** The Wonder Years (10711) **1.30** Garden Club (26711) **2.00** The Late Late Show (74421) **3.00** Oprah Gold (6447605) **3.50** The Magic Roundabout (4194529) **4.00** Slot 23 (9686) **5.00** Happy Days (8353) **5.30** Countdown (150) **6.00** Newyddion (771996) **6.20** Heno (652518) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5889) **7.30** Telynores Oman (599) **8.00** Y Ferch Drws Nesa (4537) **8.30** Newyddion (3044) **9.00** Inspector Morse (6605) **11.00** Go Fishing (9565) **11.30** World Chess Championship (227228) **11.55** Free For All (239063) **12.20am** Gaelic Games (3507648)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Poetry The Requiem of Anna Akhmatova **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Rossini (Overture, William Tell); Schubert (Impromptus, D899: No 3 in G flat; No 4 in A flat); Stravinsky (Scherzo à la Russe); Telemann (Concerto in D for Three Horns); Delius (Two French Songs: La Lune blanche; Chanson d'automne); Mendelssohn (Piano Concerto No 1 in G minor, Op 25)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Puccini (La Bohème)
10.00 Morning Sequence. Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin); Martucci (Notturno); Castenuovo-Tedesco (Prelude and Fugue No 17 in B, The Well-Tempered Guitars); Lalo (Cello Concerto); Georges Dandelot (En Vacances); Roussel (Sérénade, Op 30); Massenet (Fantaisie); Créquillon (Onques amour, Petite fleur); Ravel (Introduction and Allegro)
12.00 Music Restored: The Locke Consort plays music from the court of Leopold I (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Ulster Orchestra under John Carewe performs Britten (Courtly Dances, Gloriana); Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor); Beethoven (German Dances)
2.05 South West Mozart Singers under Anthony Le Fleming, Academy of St Martin Chamber Ensemble perform Anthony Le Fleming (Nocturnes); Paul Patterson (Missa Brevis)
2.45 Paris Guitar Festival: Kirstin Eisenbarth, recorded last year, performs Bach (Chaconne, Partita No 2); Villa-Lobos (Studies: Nos 6, 9 and 12); Jiri-Jirmal (Baden Jazz Suite)
3.20 Delmé Quartet performs Bach, arr Simpson (Three Fugues from The Art of Fugue); Tchaikovsky (String Quartet No 3 in E flat minor) (r)
4.15 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth, with Philip Martin, piano, performs Respighi (The Birds, Toccata)
5.00 In Tune, with Charles Hazlewood
7.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Richard Hickox performs Mendelssohn (Overture, The Hebrides, Fingal's Cave); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat: John Lill); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 2, A London Symphony)
9.20 Sleepless Nights: A diary by mother-of-four Laurie Graham
9.25 Albinoni: Locatelli Trio performs Albinoni (Sonatas: in D minor, Op 6 No 4; in B minor, Op 4 No 6); Bach (Fugue in B minor on a Theme of Albinoni); Albinoni (Sonata in D, Op 6 No 7)
10.00 On Water: John Mark Ainsley, tenor, Julius Drake, piano, perform Schubert (Auf dem Wasser zu singen; Am Strome; Auf dem see; Die Forelle; Des Fischers Liebesglück; An eine Quelle; Der Jüngling am Bache; Lied eines Schiffers an die Dioskuren; Erlafsee; Der Schiffer) (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Humphrey Carpenter discusses the film classic, *Les Enfants du Paradis*
11.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Lothar Zagrosek performs Dvořák (Symphonic Variations); Schumann (Symphony No 1 in B flat, Spring) **12.30-12.35am News**
1.00-2.30 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.00 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Bad Housekeeping, by Sue Limb **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30am Way Out West (**FM** only). See Choice
10.00 News; Daily Service (**LW** only)
10.15 The Bible (**LW** only): Daniel. Alec McCowen reads the second of five parts
10.30 Woman's Hour: Anne Robinson talks to Meg Ryan about her new film, *Sleepless in Seattle*. Karen Deco investigates the gynaecological condition vestibulitis. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 All in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clare presents the first of a three-part investigation on how well the community cares for the mentally ill
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Hoax! Chairman Tim Brooke-Taylor has to guess whether Simon Brett, Johnny Morris or Ian Wallace is telling the tallest story **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.50 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Whatever It Takes: A tragi-comedy by Tracey Ashton. Grace (Jacqueline Defferary), who has spent most of her life in a wardrobe, makes her bid for freedom when her Aunt Jane (Denise Black) pretends that she is getting married
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with the nonagenarian Manchester composer Thomas Pitfield
3.00 News; Tuesday Lives: Joanna Buchan introduces unusual stories from everyday life **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the life and work of the poet John Clare and predicts the possible outcome of the Booker Prize shortlist
4.45 Short Story: Napoleon and I, by Iain Crichton Smith. Read by Edith Macarthur
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Kelly's Heroes: Janet Suzman stars as the actress Valerie Draper. Written and presented by Chris Kelly
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Jolyon Jenkins reports
8.00 Science Now, presented by Peter Evans
8.30 Sitting Targets: Trousers to the Mast. Tony Robinson presents a history of the quip factor in British political life. With John Sessions (r)
8.45 In Touch: For people with a visual handicap
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight,** with Alexander MacLeod in London and Robin Lustig in Torquay
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Strange Loyalties, by William McIlvanney. Read by Tom Watson (2/10)
11.00 Stanza on Stage: Andrew McAllister introduces the poet Tony Harrison reading at the Byre Theatre in St Andrews
11.30 The Gardening Quiz (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

Why Should the Devil Have All the Best Players? *Radio 2, 9.00pm.* Sheila Tracy interviews musicians who were, or still are, in the Salvation Army. She also reveals that she plays the trombone for her own enjoyment. That takes care of her empathy for fellow brass blowers, whether professionals such as Don Lusher or amateurs such *as Gordon Hill who plays in the Hendon Salvation Army band.* As to how musical Salvationists reconcile their Christian and secular allegiances, Tracy asks some testing questions in the intervals between the rousing musical items.

Way Out West: Connemara – On the Edge. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.* Do not believe Hank Wangford when he says he is not sentimental. Who but a sentimentalist would gaze at the mountains of western Ireland and say: "They are not mountains but women, dancing; they hold hands, and have skirts over their arms". As well as being poetical, Wangford *is a comical and* chummy travel guide. He addresses us as "friends". Why he keeps quoting from *Old Moore's Almanac* when there are so many Irish wonders around him to talk about, is not clear. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM-100-102. **VIRGIN:** MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. **COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND GILLIAN MAXEY**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (78987334) **8.40** *Lamb Chops Play-a-long (2222179)* **9.00** Cartoons (36624) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (63265) **10.00** Card Sharks (22082) **10.30** Concentration (6580247) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9029334) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (56537) **12.00** E Street (16860) **12.30pm** Three's Company (67082) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (62537) **2.00** Roots: Final part of the mini series (23711) **3.00** Another World (9880044) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8647042) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9860) **6.00** Games World (2222) **6.30** E Street (1334) **7.00** Rescue (7889) **7.30** Full House (7518) **8.00** Anything But Love (6537) **8.30** Designing Women (5044) **9.00** Civil Wars (85402) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (as 5pm) (95889) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (37402)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (2865082) **9.30** ABC Nightline (25860) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (14266) **11.30** Japan Business Today (34808) **12.30pm** News and Business *Report (18082) 1.30 CBS Morning News* (19711) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (36605) **3.15** ABC Nightline (45624) **4.30** News and Business Report (7131) **5.00** Live at Five (563624) **7.30** Target (8860) **9.30** Talkback (30641) **11.30** CBS Evening News (55060) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (57667) **1.30** Target (60174) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (30822) **3.30** Talkback (42667) **4.30** Target (11396) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (33377)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (8921570)
10.00 Dead Men Don't Die (1990) A voodoo priestess enslaves a television news anchorman. With Elliott Gould and Mabel King (38570)
12.00 Continental Divide (1981): Comedy starring John Belushi and Blair Brown as a mismatched couple (84006)
2.00pm Sergeant Ryker (1968): A sergeant, Lee Marvin, is court-martialled during the Korean war (79841)
4.00 The Wackiest Ship in the Army (1960): Second world war comedy starring Jack Lemmon and Ricky Nelson (4792)
6.00 Dead Men Don't Die (as 10am) (99605)
8.00 Delirious (1991) Writer John Candy is knocked unconscious and wakes up in his own daytime soap opera (94150)
10.00 Blind Fury (1989): Rutger Hauer uses his martial arts skills to protect the son of an army friend (35605)
11.30 Quigley Down Under (1990) Rollicking western starring Tom Selleck as a sharp-shooter working for despotic land baron Alan Rickman in Australia (40272773)
1.45am Tales from the Darkside: The Movie (1990). Three horror stories: *Lot 129, Cat from Hell* and *Lover's Vow*. Featuring Christian Slater and Deborah Harry (244193)
3.30 The Ninth Configuration (1980). Stacy Keach plays a nutty psychiatrist at a crumbling asylum for mentally-ill soldiers (17551) Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Mrs Miniver (1942, b/w): Greer Garson keeps the home fires burning while *husband Walter Pidgeon is off fighting the* Germans (66373995)
8.20 The Undercover Man (1949, b/w) Tense *film noir* starring Glenn Ford and James Whitmore as US Treasury agents attempting to bring a powerful mobster to justice (62625266)
10.00 Taxi Driver (1976) Martin Scorsese's searing drama stars Robert De Niro as a mentally unbalanced Vietnam war veteran. With Jodie Foster as a 13-year-old prostitute (597570) Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Black Sleep (1956, b/w) Basil Rathbone performs brain transplants (64315)
8.00 Puss in Boots: Animated version of the classic pantomime (12605)
10.00 The Last Time I Saw Archie (1961) Comedy starring Robert Mitchum as a con-man working an army and airforce base inhabited by aging pilots. With Jack Webb and Martin Hyer (36112)
12.00 Mirage (1965): Amnesiac Gregory Peck *is hunted by assassins. With Diane* Baker and Walter Matthau (84088)
2.00pm Hong Kong (1951): Ronald Reagan tries to steal a valuable antique from an orphaned girl (48421)
4.00 Puss in Boots (as 8am) (2334)
6.00 Brother Future (1992): A boy from Detroit is transported back to 1822 South Carolina where he becomes a slave. With Phil Lewis and Carl Lumbly (97247)

8.00 Awakenings (1990) Fact-based drama about the work of neurologist Oliver Sacks. With Robin Williams, Robert De Niro *and Julie Kavner (92792)*
10.00 Miller's Crossing (1990) Stylish gangster thriller starring Gabriel Byrne and Albert Finney (50228)
12.00 Immortal Sins (1991). A couple inherit a castle with a resident curse. With Maryam D'Abo, Cliff De Young and Shari Shattuck (339209)
1.35am The First Circle (1973): A Danish-German drama starring Gunther Malzacher and Peter Steen (251483)
3.20 Rainbow Drive (1990) A policeman doggedly investigates a murder cover-up. With Peter Weller (643396) *Ends at* **4.55**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (9698529) **7.15** Prime Bodies (441570) **7.45** Gillette World Sports Special (440841) **8.15** Soccer News (9497841) **8.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (86228) **9.00** Prime Bodies (48266) **9.30** Jack High Bowls (83808) **10.30** Red Line (32686) **11.30** Ringside Superbouts (61976) **12.30pm** FA Premiership Football: Wimbledon v Manchester City (62266) **2.30** Golf *Shoot-Out (97889) 4.30 Windsurfing (92565)* **5.30** Prime Time Baseball (9570) **6.00** Soccer News (731402) **6.15** Netbusters (738957) **6.30** Major League Baseball (53957) **8.30** The Footballers' Football Show on the Road (67860) **9.30** The Boss (11402) **10.00** Soccer News (669112) **10.15** Snooker Challenge (854860) **12.15-2.15am** Australian Rugby League (331445)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (76315) **8.00** Golf: Lancome Trophy (98763) **8.30** Aerobics (72353) **10.00** Volleyball (72599) **11.00** Pro Superbike Review (85063) **12.00** Eurogoals (52911) **1.00pm** Free Climbing (21889) **2.00** Handball (67179) **3.00** Volleyball (39155) **4.00** Waterskiing (81112) **5.00** Eurogoals (3228) **6.00** Eurofun (1179) **6.30** Eurosport News (5131) **7.00** American Football: Denver v Kansas City (77044) **9.00** Boxing (12570) **10.00** Snooker World Classics (79696) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (78464)

UK GOLD
6.00am GP (7914860) **7.30** Neighbours (8356860) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1092792) **8.30** EastEnders (1091063) **9.00** The Bill (1082315) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (1302860) **10.30** Colditz (2366860) **11.30** Rhoda (7118137) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1002179) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2704179) **1.00** EastEnders (8376624) **1.30** The Bill (2796150) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (5321792) **2.30** Brush Strokes (8677266) **3.00** Dallas (3518173) **4.00** Dynasty (8368470) **5.00** Blankety Blank (5912044) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8671082) **6.00** Neighbours (8678995) **6.30** EastEnders (8669247) **7.00** When the Boat Comes In (3473686) **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (5918228) **8.30** Brush Strokes (5920063) **9.00** Colditz (3462570) **10.00** The Bill (1003808) **10.30** Carrott Confidential (1089228) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9043860) **11.40** Dr Who (8230570) **12.10am** Film: Beauty for the Asking (1939, b/w) starring Lucille Ball and Patric Knowles (91421667) **1.20-2.00** Video Bites (8646396)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
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BRAVO
12.00 Man for Sale (6068957) **12.35pm** Film: Mr Skeffington (1944, b/w): Society girl Bette Davis marries for money. With Claude Rains (28951131) **2.45** Art Linkletter and the Kids (2566334) **3.00** Bonanza (5213501) **4.00** The "New" Honeymooners (8653686) **4.30** I Spy (1650150) **5.30** Honey West (8666150) **6.00** The Invisible Man (8663063) **6.30** Torchy, the Battery Boy (8654315) **7.00** Edgar Wallace (3491082) **8.00** Film: The Man Upstairs (1958, b/w) Richard Attenborough is mentally unstable (8889112) **9.30** Hopalong Cassidy (2702711) **10.00** Film, Catlow (1971): Comedy western with Yul Brynner and Richard Crenna (1215266) **11.45** Robert Benchley (4569870)

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7.00am Jayne and Friends (8726518) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (1867570) **8.30** Living Daylights (1866841) **9.00** Divorce Court (1880421) **9.30** Hot Topics (7410570) **10.00** Your Child (4842082) **10.30** Living Extra (1886605) **11.00** Family Affairs (3598131) **11.30** Floyd on Food (3599860) **12.00** Practical Living (23061082) **12.15pm** Filroy (9229247) **1.00** Crosswits (4467334) **1.30** Infatuation (7420957) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (4843711) **3.00** Agony Hour (3500976) **4.00** Crosswits (4925696) **4.30** Infatuation (2020060) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (7251315) **6.00** Fighting Back (7270763) **6.30** Mediterranean Cookery (3575155) **7.00** Agony Hour (6989421) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6965841) **9.00** Film, Rosie The Rosemary Clooney Story (1982): Biopic starring Sandra Locke (6975228) **11.00** Divorce Court (3580112) **11.30** On the Air, with Dr Ruth (4848266) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (8706754)

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Gallacher troubled by German's fitness and Spaniard's form

Langer keeps Rafferty waiting



Joakim Haeggman prepares for his Ryder Cup debut at The Belfry yesterday. Haeggman is the first Swede to be selected for the European team. Photograph: Ian Stewart

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

FOR Ronan Rafferty, the waiting goes on and on. Rafferty will spend today as he spent yesterday — with one ear cocked for the telephone wondering whether or not he is to receive a summons to The Belfry to join Bernard Gallacher's European team for what would be his second appearance in the Ryder Cup. It all depends on Bernhard Langer's fitness.

Langer injured his neck on the eve of the US Open in June. It has been troubling him ever since to a greater or lesser degree. He won the German Open by five strokes at Hubbelrath at the end of last month while complaining of it. Four days later and several thousand feet higher, however, he withdrew from the European Masters in Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland, on the 8th tee in the first round. He returned to Germany for treatment and ever since has been in the hands of an orthopaedic surgeon who works with the Bayern Munich footballers, and a physiotherapist in his home town of Augsberg.

Langer arrived at The Belfry just after 5pm yesterday looking relaxed after his flight from Germany. Mark James and Nick Faldo, and their wives, had checked into the hotel a few moments earlier.

In the 18 days since he returned home he had been chipping and putting but had hit only a few full shots. He found when he did so that he suffered from pain in his neck and shoulder at the top of the backswing and the start of the downswing.

Cautious fellow that he is, he refused to say whether or not he thought he would be able to play. "It feels a little better," he said. "But we will just have to wait and see how I feel tomorrow. I want to be 100 per cent fit. It is not right to play just to be able to say I was in the Ryder Cup."

Langer will participate in the foursomes practice Gallacher has scheduled for this morning. He will then assess his fitness. "I want to see whether I can swing and turn," Langer said. Gallacher has promised to tell Rafferty by midday tomorrow whether or not he will be called up to join the team. Obviously he is reluctant to lose the services of Langer, the US Masters' champion, a man celebrated for his strength of mind as much as the strength of his golf.

"I have great faith in Bernhard Langer," Gallacher said. "He has not made many wrong moves in his life. I cannot be more specific until he has practised. I hope his chances are better than 50-50, but there must still be doubts about his fitness. We do not want to go in with 11½ players."

Langer is Gallacher's bigger worry, *but not his only worry.* He must be concerned at the current form of José María Olazábal, though less so than Olazábal himself, who was suggesting on Sunday that if he did not improve he should not be selected for the first two days' foursomes and fourballs.

Olazábal played with Mark James and Sam Torrance in the Lancôme Trophy near Paris last week and both said they thought that the young Spaniard was regaining his form. Torrance suggested it was only an occasional shot that was proving destructive and James reported that Olazábal's driving, which has long been a weakness, was more accurate than it had been earlier in the year.

"I have more confidence in Ollie than many people," Gallacher said. "He is certainly frustrated. He appears to be playing stroke-play golf in a match-play format. He is making birdies, bogeys and double bogeys. He says he has no confidence, but there has to be a turning point. He is a wonderful player. I hope that turning point is this week."

Gallacher is maturing into good captain, one who seems at ease with himself, his problems, and the pressures of the job. He knows that only injuries will allow him to alter his team at this stage. He will therefore expect Severiano Ballesteros to do his share of helping Olazábal regain his touch and confidence. The two Spaniards have been a partnership of great strength before. This week they will need to be so again.

Doubts arise over Peking Olympic bid

FROM DAVID MILLER IN MONTE CARLO

DOUBTS about the credibility of Peking's bid to host the Olympic Games of 2000 mounted yesterday after a blatantly political press conference that was intended — in the event unsuccessfully — to stall criticism of China's human rights record. Peking is still thought to be favourite among International Olympic Committee (IOC) members for Thursday's vote, but the mood here is tense.

Keba M'Baye, the retired international judge from Senegal, who is one of the IOC's noted intellectuals, voices a concern, which has not been dissipated by yesterday's conference, about China's threat of a 1996 boycott if Peking is not elected. "Many of us are uneasy," he said, "but you must remember that the decision is taken by 91 individuals."

The mood of uncertainty about the favourites — *never mind the evaluation report* which puts Peking in fourth place — must assist the prospects of Sydney and Manchester. Yet some IOC members are known to be veering *more* towards Peking, on the principle that the US House of Representatives, and others, have no right to order them what to do. The IOC are not international adjudicators of politically correct thinking or action. Contrary to politically correct thinking, they elected Mexico, Moscow and Seoul.

The IOC is now facing a moral dilemma: whether to stand by one section of its charter, and elect Peking in the belief that inclusion in the international arena will accelerate liberation, or another charter section which calls for the pursuit of freedom among peoples, and exclude Peking until further improvements have taken place.

Leaving aside the ethical consideration, my view is that China's potential instability — with unpredictable political leadership and massive, rapidly altering internal commercial forces — makes Peking a high-risk choice.

The Peking committee yesterday confronted 200 media representatives with an array of coaches and Olympic gold medal-winners ... under the leadership of Wu Jianmin, who refused to identify himself beyond "spokesman for the Peking bid". When all the front-rank Chinese Olympic officials are here in Monte Carlo, why have a press conference fronted by an unknown spokesman?

Wu Jianmin proceeded to give a five-minute propaganda speech, which he prefaced as being "news", and in which he clearly placed China's social development — feeding, housing and clothing the 1.16 billion population — in front of human rights, in contravention of the Vienna Conference's unanimous vote.

When a BBC correspondent asked about yesterday's report from Peking on the imminent closed trials of freedom-of-association dissidents arrested in 1992, Wu Jianmin stated these were "*untrue rumours*". A moment later he adjusted this answer to say that China was doing no more than maintain its constitutional law and order.

When I asked if the recent experience of Wilf O'Reilly, the 1991 world champion in short track speed skating, was representative of Peking's hospital conditions, the answer was evasive.

O'Reilly crashed in this year's world championships in Peking, knocking himself unconscious, and was rushed to hospital. The floor was covered in sawdust to absorb blood, and the brain scanner which was to be used was covered in congealed blood from a previous patient. An attendant swabbed it down with a wet towel. Alan Luke, the chief British coach, refused to allow O'Reilly to be detained overnight in what he regarded as unhygienic surroundings.

China is an undoubted future power of the 21st century, with immense talents, resources and energy and an unrivalled cultural history. Yet Peking is being disappointingly less than open in its Olympic bid and the IOC's intention may be shifting.

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Ferdinand sparks new speculation over future



Ferdinand: unsettled

BY KEITH PIKE

LES Ferdinand, the Queens Park Rangers and England striker, has said that he now regrets signing a new contract which ties him to Loftus Road for the next three seasons.

Ferdinand's comments are likely to renew speculation over his future, with Blackburn Rovers one of several FA Carling Premiership clubs thought to be interested in signing him.

In a magazine article published today, Ferdinand — who has scored four goals for Rangers this season and put England ahead against Poland in the World Cup qualifying tie at Wembley a fortnight ago — said he would not have signed the contract if he had known that Andy Sinton was about to be sold to Sheffield Wednesday.

"I signed in March because we had a good side which I felt could do things," Ferdinand said. "That was on the strength of Andy staying. The way we finished last season made us confident we could really attack it this season. I think we have lost something since Andy left.

"The club accepted £2.75 million for Andy but told me they have turned down bids for me of over £3 million. It puts questions in your own mind, and no matter who you are or what kind of player you are it is unsettling."

Ferdinand will lead the Queens Park Rangers attack against Barnet at Underhill tonight in the first leg of their Coca-Cola Cup second-round tie. "I think we would have to take Ferdinand out in the tunnel before the game to have any chance of stopping him," Gary Phillips, the Barnet player-manager, said.

Barnet are the only senior team in England without a point, having lost all eight of their Endsleigh Insurance League second division matches, but knocked Southend United out in the last round of the Coca-Cola Cup. "The game is a 4,000 sell-out. It's a tight, little ground and Rangers will not be looking forward to coming here," Phillips, the Barnet goalkeeper, who once played alongside Ferdinand at Brentford, said.

Another troubled goalkeeper, Paul Gerrard, of Oldham Athletic, has been dropped for their tie against Swansea at the Vetch Field. Gerrard, an England under-21 international, was at fault for three of Tottenham Hotspur's five goals on Saturday. He will be replaced by Jon Hallworth. Oldham will also be without their defender, Gunnar Halle, who is on World Cup duty with Norway.

Oldham are one of ten Premiership sides facing Endsleigh League opposition tonight in the Coca-Cola Cup. Arsenal, the holders, are away to Huddersfield Town and Sheffield Wednesday, the beaten finalists, at Bolton Wanderers. Midlands pride will also be at stake at St Andrew's, where Birmingham City take on Aston Villa.

This could be the last season in which the second round is staged over two legs, with the Football League under pressure to help reduce fixture congestion by switching them to one match.

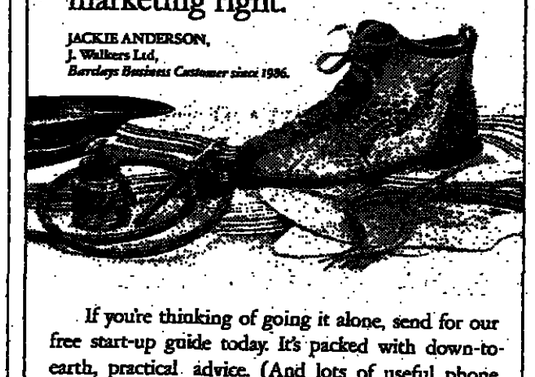
Alex Rae, one of four Millwall players to be sent off this season, has been banned for three matches after his dismissal for violent conduct in the first division match against Charlton Athletic ten days ago. Carl Emberson, the Millwall reserve goalkeeper, has been suspended for one match after his dismissal in the Anglo-Italian Cup tie against Crystal Palace last week.

Lloyd McGrath, the Coventry City midfield player, who was injured in the match against Chelsea on Saturday, has been ruled out for at least a month with a torn thigh muscle.

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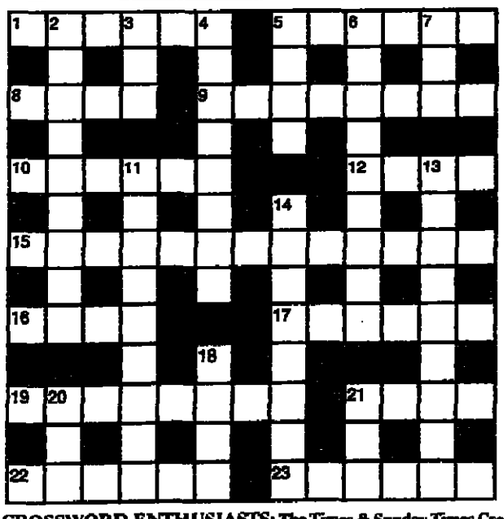
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By Raymond Keene

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By Philip Howard

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a. A neighbour
b. An eagre
c. A Saxon market

BARTON
a. Staffordshire beer
b. A steelyard
c. A farmyard

DEADMAN'S FINGERS
a. Seaweed
b. *A type of Orchis*
c. Cuttlefish

RATH
a. A circular enclosure
b. A turning-point
c. A ghost

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